



# Cuba Libre

President Barack Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, speaks in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, July 1, 2015. The president announced that US and Cuba have agreed to open embassies in each other's capitals, the biggest tangible step in the countries' historic bid to restore ties after more than a half-century of hostilities.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

## Overcoming Hostilities, US and Cuba to Open Embassies

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**Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — After more than a half-century of hostility, the United

States and Cuba declared Wednesday they will re-open embassies in each other's capitals this month, marking a historic full res-

toration of diplomatic relations between the Cold War foes. For President Barack Obama, the opening of the

U.S. Embassy in the heart of Havana is one of the most tangible demonstrations of his long-standing pledge to engage directly with

U.S. adversaries. Heralding the embassy agreement, Obama declared: "This is what change looks like."

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## At Press Time:

# Greece proceeds with vote plan as creditors rebuff overture

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**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — The Greek government vowed Wednesday to go ahead with plans to have the people decide whether they want more austerity measures in exchange for a rescue deal. Greece offered more concessions to its creditors, but was rebuffed — Eurozone finance ministers refused to negotiate any more aid until the referendum clears up what the country wants. The moves came on a fast-paced day of zigs-and-zags that saw the Greek prime minister back off his earlier refusal to consider creditors' belt-tightening demands, yet hold firm on putting the measures to a popular vote. The strategy was met with a cool response. Following a late-night teleconference, the 19 eurozone finance ministers announced they were putting any further talks on hold. "Given the political situation, the rejection of the previous proposals, the referendum which will take place on Sunday, and the recommendation by the Greek government to vote 'No,' we see no grounds for

further talks at this point," said Dutch Foreign Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who heads the eurozone finance ministers' body known as the eurogroup. "There will be no talks in the coming days, either at eurogroup level or between the Greek authorities and the institutions on proposals or financial arrangements," Dijsselbloem said. Earlier Wednesday, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was defiant, saying the referendum would go ahead as planned Sunday and again urging citizens to vote "No." In a televised address to the nation, he said a "No" result would not mean that Greece would have to leave the euro, as many European officials have argued. Rather, Tsipras insisted, it would give the government a stronger negotiating position with creditors. "There are those who insist on linking the result of the referendum with the country's future in the euro," Tsipras said. "They even say I have a so-called secret plan to take the country out of the EU if the vote is 'No.' They are lying with the full knowledge of that fact." Greece is in financial limbo



**European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker wipes his face during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. The Greek government vowed Wednesday to go ahead with plans to have the people decide whether they want more austerity measures in exchange for a rescue deal.**  
(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

after its bailout program expired at midnight Tuesday, cutting it off from vital financing and pushing it one step closer to leaving the euro. It also became the first developed country to fail to repay a debt to the International Monetary Fund on time. The last country to miss an IMF payment was Zimbabwe in 2001. Still, there was some good news: Amid more chaotic scenes outside closed banks in Athens and elsewhere, the terms of its emergency \$100 billion cash sup-

port were left unchanged. Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis thanked the European Central Bank and its president, Mario Draghi for the decision. "This allows us to breathe. It's a very positive move and a move of goodwill on the part of the European Central Bank," Varoufakis told state television. Draghi, he said, had faced down "hawks" among eurozone members who had demanded that Athens increase the collateral needed to receive continued as-

sistance. Sunday's hastily called referendum is based on creditor reform proposals made last week and roundly rejected by the Greek government. But in a letter sent late Tuesday, Tsipras reversed course and said his government was prepared to accept the earlier proposals, subject to certain amendments on central points of contention, including pensions and tax increases. He linked acceptance of the terms to a new bailout package. □

## Western Europe sweats \_ and enjoys \_ unusual heat wave

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**PARIS (AP)** — Joggers wheezed, electric wires warped, and Britain sweated through its hottest July day on record as a wide swath of Western Europe sweltered in a heat wave. Authorities in France and elsewhere, mindful that thousands died during a 2003 heat wave, reached out to the elderly, families and other vulnerable people on Wednesday to warn of health risks. Paris officials opened special air-conditioned rooms for the public. A mass of hot air moving north from Africa has sent temperatures spiking in Spain, Portugal, Britain and France in recent days. Britain's Met Office, the weather forecasting ser-



**A man relaxes by the fountain of the Trocadero gardens, in front of the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, Wednesday, July 1, 2015. A mass of hot air moving north from Africa has driven up temperatures in Spain, Portugal, Britain and France in recent days.**  
(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

vice, said Wednesday was the hottest July day since records began in the 1800s based on the 36.7 C (98 F) recorded at London's Heathrow airport. At Wimbledon, even an Australian like Bernard

Tomic complained of dizzying heat: temperatures hovering near 34 degrees made it one of the hottest days on record at the tournament. Forecaster Meteo France said Paris reached 39.7

C, the highest temperature recorded in July since 1947, and the second-highest since record-keeping began in 1873. At Disneyland Paris, Mickey and Minnie and the gang got more frequent breaks. Cast members who don the costumes of the famed characters saw their on-stage rotations shrunk by a third to 5 minutes at a time, to spell them more often from the heat, a spokeswoman said. France's national railway operator said the soaring heat had caused a disruption to some traffic in and out of Paris' Saint-Lazare train station. The Energy Ministry reported some overnight electricity outages and fires as a result of swooning temperatures.

At Paris' Gare de Lyon train station, public announcements repeatedly reminded people to drink lots of water and not over-exert themselves. Medics were on call in case of emergencies. French officials said the heat wave was just beginning. On Tuesday, southwest France saw temperatures reaching 42 C (107 F) and Cordoba in southern Spain recorded nearly 44 C (111 F). "We have a lot of heat-wave days ahead of us," Gourand said, noting that a wide swath of southern France from Toulouse to Lyon was facing heat of up to 41 C (105 F) until the middle of next week. Climate is on many French minds for another reason. □





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Cuban television broadcast Obama's statement live, underscoring the new spirit. In a letter to Obama, Cuban President Raul Castro praised the embassy announcement as a way to "develop respectful relations and cooperation between our peoples and governments."

Despite the historic step, the U.S. and Cuba are still grappling with deep divisions and mistrust.

The U.S. is particularly concerned about Cuba's reputed human rights violations. Cuba is demanding an end to the U.S. economic embargo, the return of the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay and a halt to U.S. radio and TV broadcasts aimed at the island.

Obama wants Congress to lift the embargo, but staunch Republican opposition makes that unlikely in the near future. Republicans, as well as a handful of Democrats, say Obama is prematurely rewarding an oppressive government that jails dissidents and silences political opponents. "The Obama administration is handing the Castros a lifetime dream of legitimacy without getting a thing for the Cuban people being oppressed by this brutal communist dictatorship," said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Republican presidential contenders had their say, too. Sen. Marco Rubio, son of a Cuban immigrant,

said Obama was making concessions to an "odious regime;" former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said the plan was "legitimizing the brutal Castro regime," and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz said it was a "slap in the face of a close ally" to put an embassy in Havana before Jerusalem. Indeed, the historic thaw

Obama said..

The U.S. cut off diplomatic relations with Cuba in 1961 after Fidel Castro's revolution. The U.S. spent decades trying to either overthrow the Cuban government or isolate the island, including toughening the embargo first imposed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. But

they were satisfied with the level of access Cubans will have to the U.S. Embassy and the level of restrictions placed on U.S. diplomats in Havana. While Americans won't have unfettered freedom of movement, officials said they would now only notify the Cuban government of travel outside

flag over the embassy, the first trip to the island by the top American diplomat since 1945.

Obama did not nominate an ambassador Wednesday and there was no indication that he planned to do so quickly.

White House officials acknowledged that an eventual nominee would likely face opposition from critics of the president's broader Cuba policy.

"It would be our strong preference that once an ambassador has been nominated, for that individual to be treated fairly by the United States Senate and confirmed in bipartisan fashion," Obama said. Since the late 1970s, the United States and Cuba have operated diplomatic missions called interests sections in each other's capitals. The missions are technically under the protection of Switzerland, and do not enjoy the same status as embassies. With diplomatic infrastructure already in place, administration officials said any efforts by Congress to block funding for an embassy would be unsuccessful in preventing an upgrade to the American post in Havana.

The Republican-led House Appropriations Committee voted last month to curb Obama administration efforts to work on an embassy in Cuba unless the White House certifies that Havana is meeting the terms of a 1996 law aimed at pushing the island nation's government toward democracy. □



**Francisco Gil reads the announcement of the reopening of embassies in Havana and Washington, Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in the Little Havana area of Miami. President Barack Obama announced Wednesday that the U.S. and Cuba will reopen their embassies in Havana and Washington, heralding a "new chapter" in relations after a half-century of hostility.**

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

in U.S.-Cuba relations is seen by the White House as a central part of the president's foreign policy legacy. Obama has long argued that the U.S. policy of isolating Cuba, a country just 90 miles south of Florida, has been ineffective in forcing the kind of change opponents demand.

"We don't have to be imprisoned by the past,"

after months of secret talks aided by the Vatican, the U.S. and Cuba announced in December that they were moving to end Cold War hostilities.

Since then, officials have been locked in negotiations over terms for opening embassies.

While details of those terms remained vague, Obama administration officials said

of Havana, not seek permission.

The embassy restrictions are similar to those in countries run by authoritarian governments including China, Russia, Myanmar, Zimbabwe and Belarus.

Full diplomatic relations will be restored on July 20. Secretary of State John Kerry will travel to Cuba this summer to raise the U.S.





## New warden, security measures after US prison escape

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**ALBANY, New York (AP)**

— A range of new security measures is being put in place at a maximum-security prison to close gaps exploited by two inmates who escaped last month. The state correction department said Wednesday that includes stepped-up searches of inmates' cells, staffing changes to ensure bed checks are more ef-

fective and installation of security gates in the facility's tunnels.

The department also announced that 30-year correction veteran Michael Kirkpatrick will be the new superintendent of the prison, the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora. He replaces Steven Racette, who was placed on paid leave Tuesday along with two of his deputies and nine other staff members,

including guards, after an internal review of how convicted killers David Sweat and Richard Matt escaped June 6.

Racette was named superintendent on May 14, shortly after the retirement of his predecessor and just before a watchdog group released a report on violence and racial tension in the prison.

Matt was shot dead Friday after a three-week man-



New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, second from left, walks with Steven Racette, left, superintendent of Clinton Correctional Facility, in Dannemora, N.Y. Racette and his deputy in charge of security are among 12 more staff who have been put on administrative leave during the investigation into David Sweat and Richard Matt's escape from the maximum-security facility.

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hunt. Sweat was shot and captured on Sunday.

The escape by Sweat and Matt launched a massive 23-day manhunt amid the rugged northern New York state terrain involving more than 1,100 law enforcement officers.

Authorities said they cut through their adjoining cell walls over months, climbed down catwalks to the tunnels, got hold of contractors' tools, broke through a brick wall, cut into and out of a steam pipe and cut a chain holding a manhole cover outside the prison to get away. The inmates stuffed clothing in their beds to make it look as though they were still there. The new security measures also include temporarily closing the prison's honor block, where the inmates escaped, and subjecting it to the same security restrictions as other blocks. All contractor tool boxes are now to be stored in secure areas inaccessible to inmates and inspected daily. A captain or higher rank is required on every overnight shift. Staff members in

remote areas are required to check in every half-hour. Bed checks will be at varying intervals, and each cell's structural integrity is to be inspected weekly, with a viewing of the catwalks behind.

Sweat told police that he and Matt conducted a practice run the night before their escape, Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie said Tuesday. Wylie said Sweat claimed he used only a hacksaw blade — not power tools, as officials had reported — to cut holes in the steel walls of his and Matt's cells and in a steam pipe they crawled through.

Wylie said Sweat claimed to have done all the work himself, saying the older Matt wasn't in shape to do it. Sweat said he prowled the tunnels within the prison from 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., after lights-out and before the morning headcount, in the days preceding the escape with Matt, according to Wylie, who was briefed by state police on the surviving inmate's statements. □



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## Alabama state must allow gay marriage: Judge

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Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama

(AP) — With a handful of counties in the state of Alabama still refusing to grant gay marriages while issuing licenses for straight weddings, a U.S. federal judge ruled Wednesday that all must abide by court decisions allowing same-sex unions. Even after the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark ruling on Friday declared that marriage is a constitutional right equally held by all Americans, some authorities in Southern states refused to follow it. Some clerks resigned rather than be forced to sign the licenses of gays and lesbians. U.S. District Judge Callie Granade issued a brief order saying Alabama probate judges can't discriminate against gay couples since the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled gay marriage is legal everywhere. Granade's order doesn't affect counties that have stopped issuing all marriage licenses in response to the Supreme Court decision, but a gay rights attorney said other counties must treat people equally or face penalties. "We will ask Judge Granade to hold them in contempt if they'd don't," said Shannon Minter of the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights in Washington. Possible penalties include monetary fines, cost assessments and even jail time, but Minter said no decision has been made about which penalties to seek. The Alabama Supreme Court has muddled the issue of same-sex marriage by granting time for opponents to voice their opinion about the impacts of such unions. □

## Emails:

## Top US officials aware of Clinton's private address

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Senior Obama administration officials, including the White House chief of staff, knew as early as 2009 that Hillary Rodham Clinton was using a private email address for her government correspondence, according to some 3,000 pages of correspondence released by the State Department late Tuesday night. Clinton's emails have become an issue in her 2016 presidential campaign, as Republicans accuse her of using a private account rather than the standard government address to avoid public scrutiny of her correspondence. As the controversy has continued, Clinton has seen ratings of her character and trustworthiness drop in polling. Obama's chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, requested Clinton's email address on Sept. 5, 2009, according to one email. His request came three months after



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton responds to the cheers of supporters at a Jefferson Jackson event hosted by the Democratic Party of Virginia at George Mason University's Patriot Center, in Fairfax, Va.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

top Obama strategist David Axelrod asked the same question of one of Clinton's top aides. But it's unclear whether the officials realized Clinton, now the leading Democratic presidential candidate, was running her email from a server located in her home outside New York City — a potential security risk and violation of administration policy.

The emails, covering March through December 2009, were posted online as part of a court mandate that the agency release batches of Clinton's private correspondence from her time as secretary of state. The continuing release of Clinton's correspondence all but guarantees a slow drip of revelations from the emails throughout her presidential campaign, compli-

cating efforts to put the issue to rest. Clinton has said she wants the emails released as soon as possible. Clinton is also under fire from the Republicans. A Republican-led Congress panel that is investigating the deadly 2012 attacks on a U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, is also examining emails of Clinton and other former department officials, raising the possibility of further revelations into 2016. The State Department provided more than 3,600 pages of documents to the committee on Tuesday, including emails. Pushing back, the Clinton campaign released a video on Wednesday that argues that seven previous investigations have debunked the conspiracy theories surrounding the attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, and the Congressional panel's sole purpose is to rough up Clinton politically ahead of the presidential election. □

## California:

## Ex-state senator pleads guilty to racketeering

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

An ex-California state senator pleaded guilty Wednesday to a racketeering charge in an organized crime and public corruption case centered in San Francisco's Chinatown. Leland Yee could face a maximum of 20 years in prison when he is sentenced in October after entering the plea to one count of conspiracy to engage in rack-

eteering as part of campaign committees formed when he ran for San Francisco mayor and California secretary of state. Yee appeared relaxed as he entered federal court in a dark suit and red tie, smiling and chatting with people in the audience. He left the courthouse without talking to reporters. The FBI arrested Yee and 19 others in 2014 during a series of raids, one of which targeted a Chinese fraternal

organization, the Ghee Kung Tong. Yee was accused of soliciting and accepting bribes in exchange for providing help from Sacramento. The FBI also alleged that Yee, a San Francisco Democrat who was running for secretary of state at the time, conspired to import weapons and ammunition into the U.S. As part of his plea agreement, Yee acknowledged accepting \$11,000 in ex-

change for setting up a meeting with another state senator, \$10,000 for recommending someone for a grant, and \$6,800 for providing a certificate on California State Senate letterhead honoring the Ghee Kung Tong. He also acknowledged that he discussed helping an undercover FBI agent buy automatic weapons from the Philippines that were intended to be brought to the U.S. for distribution. □



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Investigators peer inside the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in Greeleyville, S.C. The African-American church, which was burned down by the Ku Klux Klan in 1995, caught fire Tuesday night, but authorities said arson is not the cause.

(Veasey Conway/The Morning News via AP)

## As fire investigated; Statistics show church fires not unusual

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**Associated Press**

**GREELEYVILLE, South Carolina (AP)** — The Rev. John Taylor feared the worst

when he learned his church was on fire, only days after a mass shooting at a black church in Charleston prompted Southern leaders to call for removing Confederate flags.

The Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church was burned to the ground by the Ku Klux Klan in 1995, one of many arsons at black churches that prompted President Bill Clinton to create a federal task force that led to hundreds of arrests.

"Of course we thought about it. We wouldn't be human if we didn't," he said, standing in the hot sun outside the church's charred shell on Wednesday. But Taylor also recalled the fierce lightning storm that blew through

town about the time the fire began Tuesday night. "I really thought it probably was a lightning strike is what I thought."

Preliminary indications suggest the Mount Zion fire was not the result of arson, according to a federal official who spoke with The Associated Press on Wednesday on condition of anonymity, for lack of authority to discuss the case publicly.

More than a half-dozen fires at black churches have burned in the days since a white gunman was charged with murder in the shootings of nine black churchgoers in Charleston. Investigators have determined that several were intentionally set, but have yet to announce any evidence of racial motives.

According to the best available national statistics, if these have been the only church fires happening recently, this would be a relatively safe time.

An average of 31 houses of worship burned every week from 2007 through 2011, according to a 2013 estimate by the National Fire Protection Association, which analyzed government data and survey results.

Among these, arson was relatively rare: Just 16 percent of the estimated blazes at religious structures were intentionally set during the five-year period ending in 2011.

That means arsonists set fire to roughly five each week. The figures include a small number of funeral homes and do not distinguish between predominantly white and black congregations.

Taylor, who is in his ninth year as the pastor of Mount Zion, said when he heard of the fire, he immediately recalled the blaze two decades ago, for which two KKK members served long prison sentences. □

## Confederate emblems 'treason,' says US civil rights group leader

**The Associated Press**

The national president of a U.S. civil-rights group said Wednesday that Confederate symbols represent "treason" and should be removed from public objects, including the Mississippi state flag.

Debate about the prominence of Old South symbols reignited after the June 17 massacre of nine black worshippers at a church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Charles Steele Jr., head of the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said Wednesday at the Mississippi Capitol that Confederate names should disappear from streets and structures.

"The Confederacy and what it stands for is treason," he said. Steele said he believes if African-Americans had ever organized to overthrow the U.S. government, they would've been killed or deported, and the South needs to stop commemorating the Confederacy.

Standing with about three dozen Mississippi residents, including several black elected officials, Steele said Mississippi should remove the Confederate battle emblem from its flag.

Since the Charleston killings, some Mississippi leaders have called for changing the flag the state adopted in 1894, with the Confederate X in the upper left corner. Mississippi House Speaker, Philip Gunn, a Republican, cites his Christian faith in saying the Confederate emblem is offensive and the state needs a flag that would unify people.

Republican Gov. Phil Bryant says Mississippi voters should decide the flag's fate. During a statewide election in 2001, people voted nearly 2-to-1 to keep the Confederate design.

Greg Stewart, a longtime member of the Mississippi Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans, said he believes politicians are latching onto the Charleston shootings as an excuse to change Confederate symbols and distract attention from other issues, such as an international trade agreement recently debated in Washington. Steele, a former Alabama state senator, specified two structures he thinks should be renamed in his home state: Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery, which was named decades ago for the top Confederate general and now has a mostly black enrollment; and the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, named for a Confederate general who became a Ku Klux Klan leader. Police attacked civil-rights marchers on the bridge in 1965.

Meanwhile, the fallout from the June 17 massacre in Charleston continued elsewhere. Authorities in South Carolina were investigating the vandalism of a statue of a segregationist governor as the state grappled with heightened tension over Confederate symbols.

Red paint was seen dripping from the statue of "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman on the Statehouse grounds in Columbia. Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Sherri Iacobelli said an officer saw what appeared to be a red paintball on the statue during morning rounds. Workers were cleaning the statue Tuesday afternoon. □





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### US Financial Front:

## Manufacturing growth improves in June as hiring jumps



Machinist Angel Altamirano grinds a guardrail for a staircase in Detroit. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, issued its index of manufacturing activity for June on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

(Todd McInturf /The Detroit News via AP)

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. manufacturing growth improved in June, helped by a jump in employment.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, said Wednesday that its manufacturing index rose to 53.5 last month from 52.8 in May. Manufacturing activity matched January's level for the highest this year. Any reading above 50 signals expansion.

Manufacturing growth has accelerated for the past two months, evidence that U.S. factories are beginning to adapt and overcome the drags caused by a rise in the dollar's value and cheaper oil prices, two trends that date back to last fall.

The gauge of new orders rose slightly to 56 from 55.8. But manufacturers are responding to the increased

demand by hiring more workers, as the employment measure increased to 55.5 from 51.7, a sign that many companies expect additional orders in the coming months and are hiring in advance.

"When it goes up like that, it's in anticipation of future orders," said Bradley Holcombe, chairman of I.S.M.'s manufacturing business survey committee.

Not every element of the index reflected growth. The index's measure of production slipped to 54 from 54.5.

Of the 18 industries surveyed, four reported contracting in June: petroleum and coal products, primary metals, plastics and rubber products, and machinery. One maker of transportation equipment said in the survey that orders were soft in Europe and declining in Asia, while another

manufacturer said that the downturn in oil and gas markets have hurt demand.

Falling oil prices forced energy companies to curtail orders for new equipment and pipelines as their margins were squeezed and rigs were shut down. The stronger dollar made U.S. goods more expensive overseas, which is weighing on sales.

Still, the negative consequences of those two trends seem to be tailing off as evidenced by the broader gain in the index and other signs of hiring among manufacturers.

The increase in the index "indicates that the drag on

factories coming from the strong U.S. dollar and weak oil industry is no longer having as much negative impact as before," said Michael Gregory, deputy chief economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Oil has stabilized at around \$60 a barrel. It had plunged as low as \$50 a barrel at the start of the year from roughly \$110 in June 2014. The decrease caused a decline in oil refining in May that weighed on factory output, according to the Federal Reserve.

The dollar, too, has steadied in recent months. While U.S. currency will continue to be a drag on exports, manufacturers say they

can at least adjust production schedules to account for it. This leaves manufacturers dependent on greater demand domestically from consumers. Solid job growth over the past year has flowed into spending on cars and trucks, which should bolster manufacturing. Auto sales rose 2 percent in May compared to the prior year, as people bought 1.64 million cars and trucks, the highest total since July 2005, according to Autodata Corp.

Payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that manufacturers added 7,000 jobs in May, their survey's first increase for that sector since February. □

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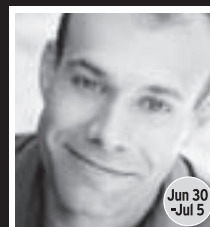
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## Emmitt Smith, Flo Rida out of Miss USA, Macy's dumps Trump

**DAVID BAUDER**  
**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rap-  
 per Flo Rida, the Macy's  
 department store chain  
 and football Hall of Fam-  
 er Emmitt Smith all had  
 something in common on  
 Wednesday: They're the  
 latest to distance them-  
 selves from Donald Trump  
 following his remarks about  
 Mexican immigrants.  
 The Republican presiden-  
 tial hopeful's team is strug-  
 gling to hold the Miss USA  
 pageant together follow-  
 ing defections by hosts,  
 performers, judges and  
 the two television networks  
 that were scheduled to  
 broadcast the event on  
 July 12. Trump, who fired  
 back at Macy's, owns the  
 Miss USA and Miss Universe  
 pageants.

Flo Rida had been the  
 highest-profile performer  
 scheduled for Miss USA in  
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana,  
 and his representative



**A Donald Trump Signature Collection dress shirt is shown on a rack at Macy's Herald Square flagship store, Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in New York. Macy's became the latest company to end its relationship with presidential candidate Trump after his remarks about Mexican immigrants.**

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

confirmed Wednesday  
 that he would not per-  
 form. Country singer Craig  
 Wayne Boyd, winner of  
 "The Voice" last year, and

pop singer Natalie La Rose,  
 whose single "Somebody"  
 hit the Billboard Top Ten  
 this year, also dropped out.  
 There were no more an-

nounced performers.  
 Smith, the former Dallas  
 Cowboys running back  
 who was a judge for Miss  
 USA, cited Trump's state-  
 ment and NBC's decision  
 in backing out.

He said that knowing how  
 much women prepare for  
 the event,  
 he sent his best wishes to  
 the competitors.

HGTV "Property Brothers"  
 star Jonathan Scott was  
 also one of the pageant's  
 judges but backed out,  
 too, saying on Facebook  
 that he could not support  
 Trump's views.

"We are all on this big rock  
 together," he said, "and I  
 choose love."

Trump's presidential cam-  
 paign announcement  
 contained his assertion  
 that some Mexican immi-  
 grants to the United States  
 bring drugs and crime, and  
 some are rapists.

The comment struck many  
 Latinos as insensitive, and

Univision's decision last  
 week to back out of tele-  
 vising Miss USA and break  
 off its business ties with  
 Trump led to a cascade of  
 others following suit.

Trump responded by suing  
 Univision on Tuesday.

Macy's said in a statement  
 that the retailer is "disap-  
 pointed and distressed"  
 by Trump's remarks and  
 will end its relationship with  
 him. Macy's has carried a  
 Donald Trump menswear  
 line since 2004, including  
 \$70 button down-shirts and  
 \$65 striped ties.

Most items were heav-  
 ily discounted on Macy's  
 website on Wednesday.

"We have no tolerance for  
 discrimination in any form,"  
 the company said. "We  
 welcome all customers,  
 and respect for the dignity  
 of all people is a corner-  
 stone of our culture."

The move comes after an  
 outcry on social media,  
 including online petitions,  
 for Macy's to drop the line.  
 NBC, TV Company Ora TV  
 and Mexican TV network  
 Televisa have also cut ties  
 to Trump.

Trump said in a statement  
 that he had decided to  
 end his relationship with  
 Macy's because of pres-  
 sure put upon them by out-  
 side sources.

He said he was never hap-  
 py that the ties and shirts  
 were made in China, and  
 if he were to do another  
 product line in the future,  
 he would insist they were  
 American-made.

"Both Macy's and NBC to-  
 tally caved at the first sight  
 of potential difficulty with  
 special interest groups who  
 are nothing more than pro-  
 fessional agitators," Trump  
 said. □

## Robber killed in shootout with ex-anchor's husband

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)**

— A cross-country road trip  
 got derailed for a former  
 CNN anchor and her hus-  
 band after a would-be rob-  
 ber forced his way into their  
 motel room and a shootout  
 ensued.

Lynne Russell told reporters  
 Wednesday that her hus-  
 band, Chuck de Caro, de-  
 cided to stop at a Motel 6  
 on Albuquerque's western  
 edge because they were  
 tired after a long day of  
 traveling. When she went  
 out to the car to get some-  
 thing and returned to the  
 room, a man was at the  
 door with a handgun.

"He pushed me into the

room and that's when my  
 husband came out of the  
 shower and saw what was  
 happening," Russell told Al-  
 buquerque station KOB-TV.  
 "We tried to calm him, con-  
 fuse him and do everything  
 we could do to just come  
 out of it in one piece."

After grabbing her hus-  
 band's briefcase, the man  
 started shooting at de  
 Caro. Russell ducked be-  
 hind the furniture and de  
 Caro fired back, hitting the  
 man.

The robber was killed and  
 de Caro was wounded.

"It was a gun battle, and  
 Chuck was bleeding heav-  
 ily, but he didn't stop firing

because the man was fir-  
 ing on him," Russell told The  
 New York Post.

Russell did not immediately  
 respond to inquiries from  
 The Associated Press, but  
 former CNN colleagues  
 Ted Kavanau and Patrick  
 Clawson told the AP she  
 had described the incident  
 to them.

Albuquerque police did  
 not release names of those  
 involved, and a spokes-  
 man, Officer Tanner Tixier,  
 said it appeared to be a  
 random robbery attempt.

"They weren't targeted for  
 who they were," Tixier said.  
 "We believe the offender  
 didn't realize the victim's

husband was in the mo-  
 tel (room). He believed he  
 had an easy target. That  
 turned out not to be the  
 case obviously."

Russell was a prominent fig-  
 ure in CNN's groundbreak-  
 ing foray into around-the-  
 clock news, serving as an  
 anchor from 1983 to 2001.  
 She was one of the first an-  
 chors hired at CNN Head-  
 line News, then called CNN  
 2, after it went on the air in  
 1982.

Kavanau, a manager for  
 CNN at its founding and  
 founding president of CNN  
 Headline news, said Russell  
 told him the robber stag-  
 gered out of the room. □



# Scores killed as militants attack Egyptian troops in Sinai

ASHRAF SWEILAM

BRIAN ROHAN

Associated Press

**EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP)** — Islamic State-linked militants struck Egyptian army outposts in the Sinai Peninsula on Wednesday in a coordinated wave of suicide bombings and battles that underlined the government's failure to stem an insurgency despite a two-year crackdown. Security officials said dozens of troops were killed, along with nearly 100 attackers. The restive territory's deadliest fighting in decades followed the assassination of Egypt's chief prosecutor and a vow by President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi to step up the legal battle against Islamic militants.

Later Wednesday, a special forces team raided a Cairo apartment and killed nine fugitive members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, including a former member of parliament, security officials said. The Brotherhood responded by calling for a rebellion against el-Sissi, saying the nine were "murdered in cold blood."

Authorities and pro-government media have blamed Egypt's recent violence on the Brotherhood, which has been branded a terrorist group, as well as



**Egyptian Army soldiers patrol in an armored vehicle backed by a helicopter gunship during a sweep through villages in Sheikh Zuweyid, north Sinai, Egypt. Islamic State-linked militants struck Egyptian army outposts in the Sinai Peninsula on Wednesday in a coordinated wave of suicide bombings and battles. Security officials said dozens of troops were killed, along with nearly 100 attackers.**

(AP Photo)

other supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi. The Brotherhood denies involvement. The new bloodshed also came as Egypt was marking the second anniversary of the events that led to the July 3, 2013, military-led overthrow of Morsi, although the celebrations were muted by Monday's killing of Prosecutor General Hisham Barakat and

fears of unrest by the former president's supporters. Militants in northern Sinai, which borders Israel and the Gaza Strip, stepped up their attacks following Morsi's fall. Last year, the main

insurgent organization operating in Sinai pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group, calling itself Sinai Province.

The coordinated Sinai assault focused on the town

of Sheikh Zuweid and targeted at least six military checkpoints, security officials said. The militants also took soldiers captive and seized weapons and several armored vehicles, they added, speaking on condition of anonymity because regulations did not authorize briefing the media. Scores of militants besieged Sheikh Zuweid's main police station, shelling it with mortars and rocket-propelled grenades and exchanging fire with dozens of police inside in an attack that lasted most of the day, the officials added. As fighting raged, an Apache helicopter gunship destroyed one of the armored carriers captured by the militants, they added. Warplanes also roared through the skies.

The officials gave a death toll of 64 soldiers, 90 militants and four civilians. It was the biggest battle in the Sinai since the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. At least 55 soldiers were wounded, they said.

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## Libya's internationally accepted PM "aspires" to sign peace deal

**VALLETTA, Malta (AP)** — The internationally recognized prime minister of Libya says he is "aspiring" to sign a peace agreement with representatives of the rival Islamist-led Tripoli government in Morocco on Thursday.

Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni made the comments during a brief visit to Malta on Wednesday. He said there were people who supported and opposed the agreement, and that "any decision taken will always have enemies."

But he said: "The wise and kind people of Libya" want to reach a solution.

Since last year, Libya has

been split between an elected parliament, which was forced to convene in the country's far east, and Islamist-led government backed by militias that seized Tripoli last August. The two governments have been negotiating for nine months over a power-sharing deal mediated by U.N. special representative Bernardino Leon.

Al-Thinni said once a unity government is formed, it would be based in Tripoli, though he declined to say who would lead it.

"This person must have a very popular support. I am confident that there will be a big backing and it will be the right person," he said. □



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or

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### Entrees

Chicken Alfredo Pasta served on homemade fettuccini pasta topped with shaved parmesan

or

### Grilled marinated Skirted Steak and Shrimps

served with seasonal veggies, herbed potatoes and chimichuri sauce

or

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## Israelis protest against deadly Palestinian attacks

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Several hundred Israelis demonstrated in Jerusalem Wednesday evening, calling on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to act against a recent surge in deadly attacks carried out by Palestinians. Protesters gathered near Netanyahu's residence, waving signs that said

"Stop the terror wave." There has been a spate of apparent "lone wolf" Palestinian attacks against Israelis in Jerusalem and the West Bank recently. Two men were killed in separate West Bank shootings, and two people were wounded in stabbing attacks, including a female paramilitary police officer

seriously hurt after being stabbed in the neck by a Palestinian woman. "Netanyahu is not acting strong enough against Palestinian terror," said Mitchell Myers, who lives in the West Bank settlement of Shilo. Netanyahu has been making goodwill gestures to Palestinians for the holy Muslim month of

Ramadan, he said, while "in exchange we have been getting terror day after day." Netanyahu visited some hospitalized victims of the recent attacks on Wednesday. He said Israel has "foiled over 200 attempted attacks" in the past year, adding, "We will reach these murder-

ers and terrorists as well. We will exact a heavy price from both the terrorists and those who send them." Earlier Wednesday, Israel's internal security service said it arrested 40 Hamas operatives working to expand the militant Islamic group's reach in the West Bank. □

## Rebel rocket fire kills 18 civilians in Yemen's Aden

**AHMED AL-HAJ**  
**Associated Press**

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Rockets fired by Shiite rebels have killed at least 18 civilians and 13 anti-rebel fighters in the southern Yemeni city of Aden, where fierce fighting has been raging for months, the director of Aden's health services said Wednesday. The United Nations meanwhile declared its highest level of humanitarian emergency in Yemen, where 80 percent of the population needs assistance. U.N. officials have said the country is one step away from famine. The fighting in Yemen pits the Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and allied troops loyal to a former president against southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants and loyalists of the exiled current president. The rebels seized the capital in September, and a Saudi-led and U.S.-backed coalition began launching airstrikes against them in March. Saudi Arabia views the



**People stand amid wreckage of a car at the site of a car bomb attack in Sanaa, Yemen. The explosion occurred near a military hospital in the Yemeni capital, causing dozens of casualties including civilians, security officials said. (AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)**

Houthis as an armed proxy of its regional rival, Shiite Iran. Tehran supports the rebels but denies arming them. Health officials and eyewitnesses said at least 7 civilians were killed and 18 wounded in the Mansoura area of Aden when the Houthis fired Katyusha

rockets into a street overnight. Ahmed Munir, a local resident, said a rocket fell on the street, and that when people rushed to help the injured, another rocket hit the same spot. Yasser Mubarak, another eyewitness, said he saw body parts scattered across the street.

Another 24 people were killed in separate incidents in Aden in which rebels fired at least 20 Katyushas and mortar rounds on homes and neighborhoods, according to security officials and eyewitnesses. At least 100 people were wounded, they said. Medical officials say hos-

pitals in Aden are overwhelmed, as operating rooms work around the clock to treat patients injured in the ongoing conflict. U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said U.N. agencies agreed to declare a "Level 3" humanitarian emergency in Yemen on Wednesday. The United Nations is already scrambling to respond to top-level humanitarian emergencies in Iraq, Syria and South Sudan. In Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country, Haq says over 21.1 million people need aid, 13 million face "a food security crisis" and 9.4 million have little or no access to water. He says 11.7 million have been targeted for assistance under a U.N. humanitarian response plan. Airstrikes and ground fighting have killed more than 1,400 civilians since March and displaced more than a million amid shortages of fuel and medical supplies, according to U.N. agencies. □

## Billionaire Saudi prince vows to donate \$32 billion fortune

**AYA BATRAWY**  
**Associated Press**

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Saudi Arabia's billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, one of the world's richest people, announced Wednesday that he will donate all of his wealth of \$32 billion to charity over the coming years. The money will go to the Saudi prince's organization called Alwaleed Philanthropies to work in the fields of "intercultural un-

derstanding" and supporting communities in need, he said in a statement. Programs will include promoting health, eradicating disease, bringing electricity to remote villages, building orphanages and schools, as well as "empowering women." The prince, chairman of investment firm Kingdom Holding Company, said he has already donated \$3.5 billion to the charitable organization. Alwaleed joins other bil-

lionaires who have made similar pledges in recent years, such as Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Michael Bloomberg. He credited the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for their wide range of charitable projects and said his organization has partnered with them on health initiatives. "Philanthropy is a personal responsibility, which I embarked upon more than three decades ago and is an intrinsic part of my Is-

lamic faith," he said in the statement, which came during the holy month of Ramadan when Muslims are encouraged to give charity and help the needy. The prince, who does not hold an official government position, built his wealth through seed money from his father and smart investments. Kingdom Holding owns stakes in hotels like The Four Seasons, Fairmont and Raffles, as well as companies such

as News Corp., Citigroup, Twitter and Apple. The prince's two children were present at his boardroom when he made the announcement in Riyadh. Though he did not give an exact timeframe, Alwaleed said his billions would be allocated through a "well-devised plan" throughout the coming years. He said the donations would be based on a strategy supervised by a board of trustees, which he will head. □





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### Russia halts gas supply to Ukraine amid price row

**NATALIYA VASILYEVA**  
**Associated Press**

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The Russian gas company Gazprom halted supplies to neighboring Ukraine on Wednesday after the collapse of pricing talks, a company official said — but an EU official said the dispute would not affect the flow of Russian gas to Europe.

Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller said Russia stopped deliveries at 10 a.m. because Ukraine didn't make an advance payment for July's gas.

"Gazprom is not going to send gas to Ukraine at any price without the advance payment," Miller said in comments carried by Russian news agencies.

The latest energy dispute comes as Russian support to separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine has strained the relations between Russia and Ukraine. Still, the two nations have had years of disputes over Russian gas going to Ukraine and heading onto Europe through Ukrainian pipelines. These disputes have even left other European nations without heat in the dead of winter.

This time, Ukraine has been buying less and less gas directly from Russia.

Russian and Ukrainian energy ministers failed to reach an agreement Tuesday on future supplies at talks mediated by EU officials. Russia offered Ukraine a price of \$247 per cubic meter, a \$40 discount. Ukraine wanted a \$100 discount.

Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak insisted the discount that Ukraine is asking for would put the cost of supplying Ukraine below the market rate. □

## Syria's Kurds warn Turkey not to intervene militarily

**BASSEM MROUE**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Syria's main Kurdish party warned Turkey on Wednesday that any military intervention would threaten international peace and said the country's main Kurdish militia is ready to face any "aggression."

Meanwhile, a Syrian rebel group released a video showing 18 Islamic State militants being shot in the backs of their heads.

The statement by the Democratic Union Party, or PYD, comes as Turkish media is abuzz with talk of a long-debated military intervention to push the Islamic State group back from the Turkish border — a move that would also outflank any Kurdish attempt to create a state along Turkey's southern frontier.

Kurdish fighters backed by U.S.-led airstrikes have been on the offensive against the IS group in northern Syria for months, and now control a long stretch along the Syria-Turkey border. Turkey, which battled a decades-long Kurdish insurgency, has viewed the advance with growing concern and has warned it will not toler-

ate the establishment of a Kurdish state in Syria.

Two weeks ago, the People's Protection Units, or YPG, which is dominated

The capture of Tal Abyad cleared the way for the Kurds to connect their stronghold in Syria's northeast to the once badly iso-

Syria's northwest.

"Any military intervention in Rojava will have local, regional and international repercussions and will con-



Turkish soldiers walk to their position on the Turkish side of the border in Suruc, Turkey. Syria's main Kurdish party warned Turkey on Wednesday that any military intervention would threaten international peace and said the country's main Kurdish militia is ready to face any "aggression."

(AP Photo)

by the PYD, captured the border town of Tal Abyad, denying the IS group a crucial nearby border crossing used to bring in supplies and foreign fighters.

lated border town of Kobani — where they famously resisted a months-long Islamic State siege — and possibly extend it to the Kurdish enclave of Afrin in

tribute to complicating the political situation in Syria and the Middle East and threaten international security and peace," the PYD statement warned. □

### Russia:

## Prosecutors scoff at Baltics independence probe

**MOSCOW (AP)** — A request by Russian lawmakers to check the legality of Soviet recognition of the independence of three ex-Soviet Baltic republics makes no sense, the Prosecutor General's office said Wednesday.

Spokeswoman Marina Gridneva said in remarks carried by Russian news agencies that the office is obliged to pick up any request by lawmakers but

added this one "has no legal prospects."

Two lower house members have asked prosecutors to look into Soviet authorities' decision in September 1991 to recognize the independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The lawmakers argued that the State Council created by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev wasn't authorized to make such a decision.

The motion has caused uproar in the Baltic nations, which are now members of the European Union and NATO. It is also widely seen there as proof of Moscow's aggressive intentions toward them amid a Russia-West showdown over Ukraine.

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, dismissed the move as meaningless. "Frankly speaking,

I have trouble grasping the sense of it," he said of the lawmakers' request, adding that the Kremlin was unaware of the move.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also said he knew nothing about the initiative. "All I know is that we have diplomatic relations and interstate agreements with the Baltic nations, and I have nothing to add to that," he said. □



# China scrambles to reassure jittery stock traders

**JOE McDONALD**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — Chinese authorities are scrambling to reassure jittery investors after soaring stock markets plunged, threatening to set back economic reform plans.

The market benchmark soared 150 percent from the start of the boom late last year in one of the world's fastest runups. It hit a peak June 12 and then reversed course and plunged 28 percent. It rebounded temporarily Tuesday before losing 5.2 percent on Wednesday.

Hours after trading closed Wednesday, the country's two major stock exchanges announced they will lower security transaction fees by 30 percent effective Aug. 1, in a move seen aimed at shoring up market confidence.

A prolonged slump could disrupt Communist Party plans to use stock markets to make China's state-dominated economy more productive. The party wants state companies to raise money through stock sales to reduce debt and hopes they will compete harder if they answer to outside shareholders. It hopes stock investing will give an aging populace more options to save for retirement to ease demand for social spending.

"The government must pay great attention to the stability of the capital market for the sake of the health of the overall economy," said Liu Yanchun, an economist at Renmin University in Beijing.

Chinese leaders have responded with a rapid-fire series of measures to shore up investor confidence.

On Saturday, Beijing announced its fourth interest rate cut since November. That was followed Monday by an editorial in the state-run China Securities Journal that declared the market was in the midst of a "30-year golden era."

Also Monday, the government announced its 3 trillion yuan (\$500 billion) pension fund for public employees will start investing in stocks

— a huge infusion of money, though that process is expected to be gradual.

China's stock market has little direct connection to its economy. Since trading began in 1990, the mainland's two exchanges in Shanghai and the southern city of Shenzhen have been used mostly to raise money

The market frenzy comes at a time when communist leaders are in the midst of complex, marathon effort to transform China's economy. They have tightened controls on investment that helped to drive the past decade's double-digit growth rates. At the same time, they are trying to

cline was the natural result of a "too rapid" rise in prices.

"This is a result of normal market action," said Zhang Xiaojun, a spokesman for the China Securities Regulatory Commission, on the agency's microblog account.

Zhang tried to dispel fears



**A stock investor watches the screen at a brokerage house in Fuyang in central China's Anhui province. Chinese authorities are scrambling to reassure jittery investors after soaring stock markets plunged, threatening to set back economic reform plans. The market benchmark soared 150 percent from the start of the boom late last year in one of the world's fastest runups. It hit a peak June 12 and then reversed course and plunged 28 percent.** (Chinatopix Via AP)

for state companies, not entrepreneurs who create jobs and wealth. Investors react to changes in regulation and availability of credit to finance speculation rather than economic fundamentals.

And although it is among the world's biggest, China keeps its market sealed off from most global capital flows.

The latest boom took off after the state press last summer declared stocks underpriced. Millions of novice investors piled in, assuming Beijing would prop up prices if needed. Brokerages lent freely to finance trading. In November, regulators added to the influx of money by launching a program that allows Hong Kong investors limited access to mainland exchanges.

Momentum picked up even as growth in the world's second-largest economy sank to a two-decade low of 7.4 percent last year.

nurture a slower, more self-sustaining expansion based on domestic consumption, services and technology-based industries.

Beijing wants to encourage broader public stock ownership but appeared to be alarmed by the speed of the price rise. In April, brokers were ordered to curb lending to traders and to limit other risks.

Investor enthusiasm finally faltered in mid-June after stronger economic data reduced expectations Beijing might ease credit further and concern over a glut of new stock offerings by Chinese companies.

That caused the market index to fall 14 percent last week. Gains for recent buyers were wiped out. Some sold shares to repay brokerage loans, fueling fear that might set off a downward price spiral.

On Monday, the Chinese securities regulator tried to reassure investors the de-

of a selloff to repay brokerage loans.

"The scale of forced selling is small," he said in the statement. "The risk is controllable."

The latest announcements helped to reassure at least some investors.

"This week, from Monday, I thought I was going to fall apart, because I lost 35 percent of all my investments," said Christine Wang, 30, an office worker in Shanghai. "But I think that I should make it back."

Monday's announcement of investment plans for the government pension fund said it would put up to 30 percent of its assets into stocks. Based on the fund's current size, that would be about 900 billion yuan (\$145 billion).

For now, the fund has 90 percent of its money in safe but low-yielding government bonds or bank deposits, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. □

## Argentina recalls its financial crisis, advises Greece

**PAUL BYRNE**  
**Associated Press**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — As Argentines closely watch the financial turmoil in Greece recalling their own worst crisis 14 years ago, the architect of the South American country's recovery has a message for the European nation: Renegotiate your debt.

Greece is in a financial limbo now that its bailout program has expired, cutting it off from vital financing and pushing it one step closer to leaving the euro. The country has put limits on cash withdrawals in order to keep banks from collapsing.

Its situation was further worsened Tuesday when it failed to repay a \$1.8 billion debt to the International Monetary Fund, the first developed country to do so.

Former Argentine Economy Minister Roberto Lavagna is credited with playing a key role in his country's recovery after its \$100 billion debt default in 2001. He said Tuesday that a "strong restructuring" of its debt is the way to help Greece come out of its crisis and avoid conflict within the European Union.

"It's not the definitive condition ... but it is necessary" to avoid a political conflict, Lavagna told The Associated Press. "Democracy is worth more than markets."

Lavagna who was economy minister in 2002-05, led Argentina's recovery from the 2002 recession, considered by many the worst in the country's history, and spearheaded its 2005 debt restructuring.

Argentina's financial collapse was so bad that one of every five Argentines was out of work. The peso, which had been tied to the dollar, lost nearly 70 percent of its value, and banks froze deposits and barricaded behind sheet metal as thousands of protesters unsuccessfully tried to withdraw their savings. □





## Aruba Tourism Authority Honors a Group of Loyal Visitors



**EAGLE BEACH** - Recently, Ms. Darline S. de Cuba had the great pleasure to honor a group of Loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Goodwill Ambassadors and Distinguished Visitors. The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, Transportation, Primary Sector and Culture Mr. O. Oduber as a token of appreciation to guests who

visit Aruba 10-to-19 and 20-to-34 consecutive years. The honorees were Mrs. Eva Ottesen of New York, Mrs. M. de Haan of Leiderdorp, Holland, Mrs. Judy Harvell and Mrs. Susan Harvell of Reston, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Meltzer resident of Freehold, New Jersey. The certificates were presented to the guests by Aruba Tourism Authority representative Ms. Darline

de Cuba in the presence of staff from La Quinta Resort.

Top reason for returning provided by the honorees were the warm inviting sun, the gracious treatment from everyone, the absolute feeling of safety everywhere/anytime, the unending selection of restaurants and the abundance of shopping--from flea markets to elegance. □





## Residential Community Gold Coast Delivers Wow Factor!

**--With 200% rental increase, brand new website, and expanded services;**

**MALMOK** - Gold Coast, Aruba's newest resort-style residential community in Malmok, is on the move and making a positive mark with enhanced guest services, increased bookings of their rental homes and the recent launch of a brand new website. Guests of Gold Coast now have the option to choose from a wide variety of special requests and services, in addition to housekeeping and laundry services. Prior to their arrival all Gold



results: Results have shows a 200% increase in rental business of their condos, townhouses and villas. In addition the occupancy at the rental homes in this residential community also increased by 200% compared to previous years. Construction activities are still ongoing at Gold Coast and it is to be expected that their magnificent growth will be doubled again next year.

Future expansion includes the construction of a Gold Coast Clubhouse. This multi-purpose Clubhouse will feature 2 tennis courts and large community pool, a



of the Gold Coast condos, townhouses and spacious villas. Lastly, Gold Coast shares its

convenience store, business center, restaurant, Spa and state of the art Fitness Center. ☐

Coast guests can arrange for services that will definitely deliver a wow factor and provide for an extraordinary stay in Aruba. These new services include pre arrival grocery shopping, the request for an In-house chef, server, bartender or butler, personal laundry, in-house massage, a personal trainer, Spa treatments and babysitting services. Marketing efforts of the Gold Coast residential community were also enhanced with the recent launch of a brand new website: [www.arubarentalsvacation.com](http://www.arubarentalsvacation.com). Functionalities of this new website include a chat room where guests can immediately reach out with their questions to a Front Office staff member of Gold Coast. The website also features an easy-to-use booking engine for direct bookings





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## Tango Argentine Grill's Waiter Juan is Cathy & John's Favorite

**PALM BEACH** - Cathy and John are from Hilton Head, South Carolina. The couple has been married for five years and this is their third trip to Aruba. The island gives them the 100 percent relaxation that they are looking for; the beaches, sun and good service makes Aruba their favorite destination: they have been back three times already.

They found a great restaurant in Tango Argentine Grill in the Arawak Garden, where small shops and live music provide entertainment. Tango is outstanding for its ambiance and attentive service, but also for its excellent cuts of meat.

Cathy and John are pictured with their favorite waiter Juan: their smiles light up the photo! ☐





# A Social Friday in Honor of the Fathers at La Cabana

**EAGLE BEACH** - The Social Committee together with Human Resources organized a social gathering for the valued fathers of La Cabana to show that they are cared for and very much appreciated. This reminder came up in Assistant General Manager Mrs. Jessica Franken's thoughtful words of praise and gratitude. She thanked all of them for their significant contribution and caring attitude towards the guests and co-associates. She urged them to continue developing themselves and make their children proud of them. Spend time and love your children.



ue developing themselves and make their children proud of them. Spend time and love your children.

She elaborated also on the thought that any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad. The highlight of the celebration was the announcement of the Father of the Year: Yves Andre of the Engineering department. Yves happily narrated that he was waiting to be called out this year as the honorable Father of the Year! Yves received a special Father's Day hat and several prizes. It was remarkable that all the Fathers in attendance won



a prize from the raffle. The gathering continued with Disco music, lots of snacks and drinks, cake and domino game after domino game. The Fathers had a fantastic time! The Social Committee together with Human Resources thanks the F&B Team for the great food and service. □

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## Golf organizations distance themselves from Trump

**DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

Donald Trump says the golf industry supports him because "they know I'm right." Four leading golf organizations said he's wrong.

The PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, USGA and PGA of America broke their silence Wednesday — but only briefly — to say that Trump's views on Mexican immigrants and his opinion that golf organizations are behind him are not accurate.

In an interview with Golf Channel, Trump said he has received "tremendous support" from the golf world "because they all know I'm right."

"In response to Mr. Trump's comments about the golf industry 'knowing he is right' in regards to his recent statements about Mexican immigrants, we feel compelled to clarify that those remarks do not reflect the views of our organizations," the joint statement said. "While the LPGA, PGA of America, PGA Tour and USGA do not usually comment on presidential politics, Mr. Trump's comments are inconsistent with our strong commitment to an inclusive and welcoming environment in the game of golf."

Trump has a golf portfolio that includes 18 courses that are either open or being built, some of which are scheduled to host events by all the organizations in the joint statement. While the golf organizations spoke out against Trump's comments, they declined additional comment on plans to play tournaments on Trump courses.

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## U.S. heads to Women's World Cup final

United States' Morgan Brian (14) lands on teammate Ali Kreiger (11) after crashing into Germany's Alexandra Popp, back, during the first half of a semifinal in the Women's World Cup soccer tournament, Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in Montreal, Canada. Associated Press

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# At hot-for-Wimbledon, Williamses near showdown

**HOWARD FENDRICH**

**AP Tennis Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — Venus Williams is no longer the player she once was, on account of the passage of time and the day-to-day ups and downs of an energy-sapping condition.

At age 35, 21 years removed from her first professional tournament, Williams still possesses a dangerous serve, along with the muscle memory that comes with seven Grand Slam singles titles, five at Wimbledon.

And so while it is her younger sister Serena who is ranked No. 1, has 20 major titles and owns a 23-match Grand Slam winning streak as of Wednesday, the elder Williams is still in the draw at the All England Club, too — and the siblings are closing in on what would be their 26th all-in-the-family matchup on tour.

"She probably comes back here and, you know,

I think, she almost feels like this is home," said David Witt, Venus' coach. "When you have confidence, you have everything. That's with any sport. And I guess when she gets here, it's a confidence thing."

On the hottest day on record in Wimbledon history, with the temperature topping 95 degrees (35 degrees Celsius) — and a terrific day for American women — both Williams sisters won second-round matches: 16th-seeded Venus beat 95th-ranked Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan 7-6 (5), 6-4, while top-seeded Serena defeated 93rd-ranked Timea Babos of Hungary 6-4, 6-1.

Two more wins, and the siblings will meet in the fourth round.

"She poses a big threat for me," Serena said about Venus.

They pulled out of doubles on Tuesday, citing "soreness" for Serena, who



**Venus Williams of the United States returns a shot to Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan during their singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Wednesday July 1, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

wants to focus on her pursuit of a fourth consecutive Grand Slam title.

Four other women from the U.S. won Wednesday, including two real surprises: 158th-ranked qualifier Bethanie Mattek-Sands eliminated No. 7 Ana Ivanovic, the 2009 French Open champion, 6-3, 6-4; and 47th-ranked CoCo Vandeweghe, the niece of former NBA player and executive Kiki, beat No. 11 Karolina Pliskova 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Also advancing: No. 21

Madison Keys, who finished off a match suspended because of darkness at 2-all in the third set a night earlier, and Sloane Stephens.

A pair of U.S. men moved on, too: No. 17 John Isner and 105th-ranked wildcard entry Denis Kudla, who followed up his victory over No. 28 Pablo Cuevas by getting past 18-year-old Alexander Zverev.

"A few years ago, I was being asked, 'What happened to U.S.A. tennis?' And I said, 'Well, it comes and goes.' I think there

were a lot of younger players coming that showed promise," the 30-year-old Mattek-Sands said. "Sure enough, I think we have a really strong contingent of American players and it's really good to see."

She is halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam in doubles with Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic. Serena, meanwhile, is halfway there in singles, and so far this week has a pair of straight-set victories after playing five three-setters at the French Open. □

## Arum sues Haymon, Premier Boxing Champions over fights

**TIM DAHLBERG**

**AP Boxing Writer**

Boxing promoter Bob Arum filed suit Wednesday against Al Haymon and his financial backers, claiming they are violating federal law by acting as illegal promoters and monopolizing fighters and venues for fights.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Los Angeles mirrors an earlier one filed by Golden Boy Promotions, headed by former boxer Oscar De La Hoya. It asks for more than \$100 million in damages from Haymon and the investment firm Waddell & Reed.

The suit centers mainly on alleged violations of federal antitrust laws, along with the Muhammad Ali Boxing

Reform Act, which prohibits managers from also acting as promoters for boxers.

"Al Haymon and Waddell & Reed are engaged in a sophisticated scheme to gain control of the boxing industry," Daniel Petrocelli, lead attorney for Arum's Top Rank Promotions said in a statement. "As the lawsuit explains in detail, they are violating federal law, defying state regulators and absorbing significant short-term losses to drive legitimate operators out of the business."

The lawsuit mostly cites published reports about Haymon — a former music industry promoter who also manages Floyd Mayweather Jr. — and his actions on behalf of Premier

Boxing Champions. The company has signed hundreds of fighters and has bought large amounts of time on national broadcast networks to showcase its fighters.

A spokesman for PBC declined to comment on the suit. But the law firm Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel issued a statement on behalf of the boxing group calling the suit "without merit" and "a cynical attempt by boxing's old guard to use the courts to undermine the accessibility, credibility and exposure of boxing that the sport so desperately needs."

De La Hoya said he welcomed it and would continue pursuing his own lawsuit.

"I applaud Bob Arum and Top Rank Boxing for stepping up on behalf of fighters not only in their own stable, but all across the sport," De La Hoya said in a statement. "Those like Bob and myself who have spent the bulk of their lives around boxing understand that the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act is a crucial piece of legislation that serves to protect boxers and enhance the sport. Golden Boy Promotions will continue to push forward with our own lawsuit to ensure our wonderful sport continues to grow in a competitive, just manner." Among the allegations in the lawsuit are that PBC has blocked Top Rank from leasing venues for fights, and has also

blocked Top Rank from doing fights with its fighters as well as freezing the company out of the television market. The suit references Haymon's past in the music industry by saying he has "engaged in a new form of payola: paying broadcasters to air fights involving Haymon-contracted boxers, under the PBC banner." The complaint claims that Waddell & Reed has committed more than \$400 million to build Premier Boxing Champions, while reportedly taking large losses as it buys television time for its fighters. The traditional method for boxing promotes is to get rights fees from TV, though for more than two decades boxing was not on network TV. □



## Defense helps U.S. team to the Women's World Cup final

ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

**MONTREAL (AP)** — It used to be that the U.S. women's national team was known more for its fierce attack. For the Women's World Cup in Canada, the Americans are finding success with a locked-down defense.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo, beleaguered at the start by new revelations in her domestic violence assault case last year, has been nearly perfect with five straight shutouts.

Her latest came on Tuesday night when the United States defeated top-ranked Germany in the semifinals before a raucous pro-American crowd at Montreal's Olympic Stadium.

Normally so focused to the point of almost appearing stern, the television cameras caught Solo break into a smile late in the match when it appeared the United States had guaranteed its place in the final.

Now it's on to the title match set for Sunday at BC Place in Vancouver. The United States will face the winner of the other



United States' Alex Morgan (13) and goalkeeper Hope Solo (1) salute the crowd after the U.S. team defeated Germany 2-0 in a semifinal in the Women's World Cup soccer tournament, Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in Montreal, Canada.

Associated Press

semifinal Wednesday night between defending champion Japan and England in Edmonton.

Four years ago in Germany, Japan defeated the United States on penalty kicks after a 2-all draw for its first World Cup title.

The U.S. women have won two World Cups, but the

last championship came in 1999. This will be the team's fourth appearance in the final.

The team's success so far in the tournament has been boosted not only by Solo's spectacular work in goal but by a stellar backline of Meghan Klingenberg, Becky Sauerbrunn, Julie

Johnston and Ali Krieger.

The United States has gone 513 minutes without conceding a goal. Only Australia, in the first half of the group-stage opener, has managed to score against the Americans.

"It's a spectacular stat, to be honest with you. I always tell the team, we just

need one more than our opponent if we keep a clean sheet," coach Jill Ellis said. "And it's not just our goalkeeper and our back four. I think this team has embraced the accountability and responsibility of defending on every line. It's something we ask of them, but they deliver. They understand that it's important."

Klingenberg pulled off a big save in the highly anticipated group stage match against No. 5 Sweden, led by former U.S. coach Pia Sundhage. The diminutive defender leaped to head away a shot by Caroline Seger. The ball hit the crossbar and caromed away from the goal. Goal-line technology was used to confirm the ball never crossed the line.

The save in the 77th minute preserved the 0-0 draw and the United States went on to finish atop the group stage heading into the knockout round.

Solo, who won the Golden Glove award for the 2011 World Cup, leads all goalkeepers in the tournament with 12 saves to one goal against. □

## All ingredients in place for mouthwatering Tour de France

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — The Tour de France is like a good bouillabaisse, the traditional Mediterranean seafood stew. Take out one ingredient, and it does not taste the same.

The Tour starting on Saturday has all the ingredients in place:

—A nervy first week on treacherous roads.

—Towering mountains passes to climb.

—The grandest of finales up 21 hairpin bends to the Alpe d'Huez ski station.

—Four genuine contenders, the most in years, all at the top of their game.

This is the recipe for an appetizing three-week feast of cycling.

"The way the Tour is structured this year, it is really going to be an epic battle be-

tween the big rivals," 2013 champion Chris Froome said. "Probably the biggest battle we've seen for years in the Tour de France. It's really exciting."

The race between Froome, defending champ Vincenzo Nibali, two-time winner Alberto Contador, and 2014 Giro d'Italia champ Nairo Quintana promises to draw eyeballs from the very first stage, a 14-kilometer (8 1/2-mile) individual time trial in the Dutch city of Utrecht, the only solo stage against the clock.

Following an anti-clockwise path, the route takes the peloton across Belgium and through World War I battlefields before heading to the cycling-mad Brittany region.

The second half of the race features three days in the Pyrenees, and four

in the Alps, with a climax at the Alpe d'Huez before the ceremonial ride leading to the final sprint on the Champs Elysees.

Organizers have drastically reduced the distance of time trials to ensure the Tour remains open until the final Alpine stage featuring the punishing climb to the ski resort.

There's a short team time trial in Brittany at the end of the first block of racing, a nine-day window filled with traps. During that time, Nibali and Co. will tackle cobbles portions in northern France, make sure they don't get caught by bordures on roads open to crosswinds along the Dutch coast, and negotiate two short but difficult climbs: The Mur de Huy, the traditional finish of the Fleche Wallonne, and the Cote

de Mur de Bretagne, which is nicknamed the Alpe d'Huez of Brittany.

"That first week really is going to be crucial, the first nine days actually until we get up in the mountains on stage 10," Froome said. "In my mind, it's almost as if each one of these nine stages is like a classic race in its own right."

The Team Sky leader has good reason to be worried about possible early pitfalls. As the defending champ last year, he was forced out during the fifth stage after two falls.

"There is a lot less pressure on my shoulders, (I'm) a lot more relaxed not coming as the defending champion," said Froome, who won the Criterium du Dauphine, the traditional Tour dress rehearsal.

"Things are looking good

personally, my condition feels good, and the whole team is buzzing after winning the Dauphine. That's lifted everyone's morale."

But his main rivals are also in great shape, although there are question marks surrounding Quintana.

Given the hilly race profile — seven mountain stages including five summit finishes — the diminutive climber is expected to cause damage in the second half of the Tour in the Alps and the Pyrenees. But he comes in having raced only four days over the last two months, following a big block of training back home in Colombia.

Quintana, who made his breakthrough at the Tour in 2013 when he was runner-up to Froome, said preparing at home for the race was his best option. □



## NL Capsules

# Sale ties MLB record with 10 more Ks for White Sox

**The Associated Press**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Chris Sale matched a major league record by striking out at least 10 in eight straight starts, and the Chicago White Sox outlasted the St. Louis Cardinals 2-1 in 11 innings Tuesday night on a home run by Tyler Flowers. Sale struck out 12 in eight innings. The left-hander tied the mark set by Pedro Martinez in 1999 with Boston. The White Sox ace had fanned every hitter in the St. Louis lineup by the end of the sixth. He is 0-2 with two no-decisions during the last four games of his streak, getting only four runs of support.

Sale helped himself in his 100th career start, singling for his first hit and scoring the first run for the White Sox.

Flowers hit his sixth homer with two outs in the 11th. He connected off Miguel Socolovich (2-1), pitching for the first time in nine days. Daniel Webb (1-0) got the win and David Robertson earned his 16th save in 20 chances.

**CUBS 1, METS 0**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kyle Hendricks outpitched Jonathon Niese in a matchup of feeble offenses, and the Cubs stopped a five-game skid.

Hendricks (3-4) struck out six in six innings and combined



**Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in St. Louis.**

**Associated Press**

with three relievers on a three-hitter. Jason Motte earned his third save.

Matt Szczur had an RBI double in the sixth for the Cubs, who scored just six runs during their losing streak.

Niese (3-8) allowed four hits in seven innings. He struck out five and walked four.

The Mets had won four in a row.

**MARLINS 5, GIANTS 3**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Major league batting leader Dee Gordon hit the first inside-the-park homer in the four-year history of Marlins Park, and the

three-run shot helped Miami to the win.

Justin Bour also homered for the Marlins, giving a welcome jolt of power to a team without injured slugger Giancarlo Stanton.

Buster Posey hit his 12th homer for the Giants. He has 18 RBIs in his past 10 games.

Mat Latos (3-5) gave up three runs, two earned, in six innings for Miami. A.J. Ramos pitched a perfect ninth for his 11th save.

San Francisco's Ryan Vogelsong (6-6) allowed four

runs in six innings.

**NATIONALS 6, BRAVES 1**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Jordan Zimmermann took a shut-out into the eighth inning, and Washington continued its season-long dominance of the division rivalry.

The NL East-leading Nationals have won nine straight games in the season series with the Braves — including a three-game sweep at Washington last week.

Zimmermann (6-5) ended a streak of three losses since his last win on June 2. He allowed six hits in 7 2/3 in-

nings.

Clint Robinson hit a two-run homer to cap Washington's four-run first inning off Shelby Miller (5-4).

Juan Uribe opened the ninth with a homer off former Braves reliever David Carpenter.

**BREWERS 4, PHILLIES 3**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Aramis Ramirez drove in three runs and Ryan Braun had four hits, leading Milwaukee to the road win.

Hernan Perez had two hits, including a triple, for the Brewers, who have won six of eight. Neal Cotts (1-0) got the win, and Francisco Rodriguez earned his 17th save.

Carlos Ruiz homered for Philadelphia, which has lost five of six to drop its major league-worst record to 27-52.

Before the game, the Phillies said Pete Mackanin will remain their manager for the rest of the season. Mackanin took over on an interim basis last Friday after Ryne Sandberg resigned. Ken Giles (3-2) got the loss in relief of Cole Hamels, who pitched seven solid innings.

**MARINERS 5, PADRES 0**

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — Seattle rookie Mike Montgomery took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and finished with a one-hitter for his second straight shutout. □

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Trump Turnberry on the west coast of Scotland will host the Ricoh Women's British Open this summer on the LPGA Tour, though that event is run by the British-based Ladies Golf Union. LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan said in an email there were "no plans to alter any of our upcoming venues." The PGA of America has moved its Grand Slam of Golf from Bermuda to Trump National Los Angeles. The two-day exhibition for the year's major champions is held in October. The PGA Championship is to be played at Trump National in Bedminster, New Jersey, in 2022, while the



**Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump waves as he arrives at a house party Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in Bedford, N.H.**

**Associated Press**

Senior PGA Championship is to be held at Trump National in Potomac Falls, Virginia in 2017.

The USGA is holding the U.S.

Women's Open at Trump National in Bedminster in 2017.

The PGA Tour is played at Trump Doral, which the

Republican presidential candidate bought in 2012, and the Puerto Rico Open is played at Trump International, though tournament director Sidney Wolf said the course is owned by a local family.

"I've been great to golf," Trump told Golf Channel. "I've been investing while everybody else was fleeing."

The fallout has been far greater in the business and entertainment sectors dating to Trump's saying in his presidential campaign announcement that some Mexican immigrants bring drugs and crime, and some are rapists.

He is struggling to hold his Miss USA pageant to-

gether after two television networks, performers, hosts and judges have pulled out. Also on Wednesday, Macy's said it was ending its relationship with Trump. The department store had carried a Donald Trump clothing line since 2004. Trump told Golf Channel that he was not worried about any fallout from employees at his own private golf clubs and resorts.

"I have Mexicans and South Americans working for me all over the country and believe me, they love me and I love them," Trump said. "I think they're great. I've had great support and I haven't heard one negative thing and frankly I don't expect to." □



## AL Capsules

# Moreland hits 2 HRs to lead Rangers past O's 8-6



Texas Rangers' Mitch Moreland follows through on a two-run home run against the Baltimore Orioles during the eighth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in Baltimore. The Rangers won 8-6.

The Associated Press

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Mitch Moreland hit two home runs for the second straight game, and the Rangers celebrated the return of Josh Hamilton with a road win.

Shin-Soo Choo and Robinson Chirinos also went deep for the Rangers, who have hit eight home runs in the first two games of the series.

Moreland homered with a man on in the second and eighth innings. He leads Texas with 14 homers and ranks second with 43 RBIs. Hamilton hit two singles and made a nice running catch of a sinking liner to left field in his eighth game of the season. The free-swinging slugger had been sidelined since May 31 with a strained left hamstring.

Chris Davis hit two home runs for Baltimore and Manny Machado added a solo shot. Miguel Gonzalez (6-5) got the loss.

Colby Lewis (8-3) improved to 4-0 in six starts since May 27. Shawn Tolleson earned his 11th save.

**ASTROS 4, ROYALS 0**  
**HOUSTON (AP)** — Dallas Keuchel allowed seven hits in eight innings to lead Houston to the victory.

The performance comes after Keuchel (10-3) threw a six-hit shutout in a win over the New York Yankees in his previous start. Keuchel struck out seven while lowering his ERA to 2.03.

George Springer had a

two-run homer in the third inning. Jose Altuve drove in a run in the fifth to help Houston to the victory.

The Astros have taken the first two games of this matchup of teams with the best records in the American League. Houston is 46-34 and Kansas City is 44-30. Kansas City starter Danny Duffy (2-4) allowed six hits and four runs in 6 2/3 innings in his second start since returning from the disabled list.

**PIRATES 5, TIGERS 4, 14 INNINGS**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Neil Walker's RBI double in the 14th inning lifted Pittsburgh to the win.

The Pirates took the lead in that inning despite a massive baserunning mistake. With one out and a runner on first, Josh Harrison doubled, but Gorkys Hernandez retreated, thinking Rajai Davis had made a diving catch.

After being urged on by Harrison, Hernandez then broke for third, but didn't retouch second, and was out on a Tigers appeal. Walker followed with an RBI double off Tom Gorzelanny (1-2) to make it 5-4, but the Hernandez mistake cost the Pirates a run.

Ian Kinsler and Miguel Cabrera hit back-to-back singles with one out in the bottom of the inning, but Victor Martinez hit into a game-ending double play. Deolis Guerra (1-0) picked up his first major league win with three scoreless innings.

**ANGELS 2, YANKEES 1**  
**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Andrew Heaney pitched seven innings of two-hit ball in the Angels' fourth straight win, and Albert Pujols and Erick Aybar hit back-to-back homers in the sixth. The Angels have won six of eight on their nine-game homestand. Los Angeles (41-37) heads into July four games above .500 for the first time since June 1.

Pujols hit his AL-leading 24th homer and set an Angels record with his 13th homer of a spectacular month.

Mark Teixeira homered for the Yankees, who have lost seven of 10. Ivan Nova (1-1) got the loss.

Heaney (1-0) walked two and struck out seven, allowing just one runner to reach second base.

**RED SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 3**

**TORONTO (AP)** — David Ortiz and Jackie Bradley Jr. hit solo home runs in Boston's third straight win, and Eduardo Rodriguez pitched six solid innings. The Red Sox matched their longest winning streak of the season.

Rodriguez (4-2) gave up one run and four hits, slowing down the top-scoring team in the majors. Tommy Layne gave up a two-run homer to Jose Reyes in the seventh, Alexi Ogando got four outs and Koji Uehara finished for his 18th save.

Marco Estrada (5-4) allowed four runs, two earned, and three hits in 2 1/3 innings in his shortest start of the season. He had taken no-hit bids into the eighth in each of his previous two starts.

**INDIANS 6, RAYS 2**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Danny Salazar pitched two-hit ball for 7 2/3 innings, and the Indians backed him with three home runs. Jason Kipnis, Giovanny Urshela and David Murphy connected for Cleveland, sending Tampa Bay to its third straight loss.

Facing the Rays for the first time since losing in the 2013 AL wild-card game, Salazar (7-3) allowed one earned run and struck out two. He won for the first

time in four starts.

Erasmus Ramirez (6-3) lost for the first time in six starts.

**ROCKIES 2, ATHLETICS 1**

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Jorge De La Rosa pitched seven strong innings to carry Colorado past Oakland for its first interleague win of the season.

Charlie Blackmon singled to break a scoreless tie in the fifth. Nolan Arenado extended his major league-

leading hitting streak to a career-high 17 games.

Troy Tulowitzki also singled and has hit in 14 straight for the Rockies, who snapped a three-game skid.

Colorado had been 0-7 in interleague games this season and had lost 14 straight in American League ballparks before De La Rosa (5-3) and two relievers combined on a six-hitter. □

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# AP Source: Guard Goran Dragic, Heat agree on 5-year deal

**TIM REYNOLDS**

**AP Basketball Writer**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Goran Dragic plays quickly and decides quickly.

The Miami Heat are pleased about both.

Dragic wasted little time in accepting a five-year deal that will ultimately be worth between \$85-90 million to remain with the Heat, the sides coming to an agreement in principle only a few hours after the NBA's free agency shopping period opened Wednesday. A person with knowledge of the negotiations confirmed the terms to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot be finalized until July 9 per league rules.

Heat President Pat Riley later confirmed that the team plans to sign Dragic, but could not comment further because of NBA policies regarding free agents.

"Welcome back to the family," Heat center Hassan Whiteside wrote to Dragic on Twitter, adding "and let me borrow 5 dollars."

It was long assumed that the Heat would keep the 29-year-old Dragic, espe-



In this April 11, 2015, file photo, Miami Heat guard Goran Dragic (7) of Slovenia, goes up for a shot during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Toronto Raptors in Miami.

Associated Press.

cially after they gave up two future first-round selections to land the point

guard in a deal with Phoenix this past season. Meanwhile, the Heat con-

tinued having talks with Dwyane Wade on Wednesday.

Wade is the team's lone remaining undecided free agent and is still expected to receive serious interest from the Los Angeles Lakers and others, but the Heat want him back.

Wade has not commented publicly during the free-agent process, but has said as recently as the end of this season that he would like to stay in Miami.

Dragic took less money — he could have commanded at least \$20 million more over the life of his soon-to-be-completed new deal — in an effort to allow the Heat the flexibility to keep Wade in Miami, and at least one of their teammates is optimistic that it will work out.

"If we can get the whole crew back together, it would be the best thing since the Backstreet Boys," Whiteside told The AP in an interview Wednesday. "We can break out. We can make a big splash in the NBA."

Dragic averaged 16.6 points on 50 percent shooting in 26 games with the Heat. Between Miami and

Phoenix, he averaged 16.3 points in 78 games. He said when Miami's season ended that the fifth year — something that only Miami could offer — would be a significant factor in his free agent decision making, and in the end he took a deal worth roughly \$20 million less than he could have commanded.

The Heat brought Dragic in last February thinking that a lineup of him, Wade, Chris Bosh, Luol Deng and Whiteside would be good enough to challenge in the Eastern Conference.

They never played a second together.

On the very same day — almost at the same moment — that the Dragic-to-Miami trade became official, the Heat learned that Bosh had a blood clot on one of his lungs, a condition that ended the All-Star forward's season.

Deng could have been a free agent this summer but elected to stay for \$10.1 million. Bosh, Whiteside and now Dragic are locked up, and now the Heat are left waiting for Wade to decide if he will return to Miami for a 13th season or go elsewhere. □



In this Saturday, April 4, 2015, file photo, Columbus Blue Jackets' Artem Anisimov, left, of Russia, carries the puck behind the net as Pittsburgh Penguins' Ben Lovejoy defends during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Columbus, Ohio. Anisimov is part of a seven-player trade that sends him to the Chicago Blackhawks.

Associated Press

**JAY COHEN**

**AP Sports Writer**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — The past couple days have been

quite a whirlwind for Artem Anisimov. Same for the Chicago Blackhawks.

Anisimov and the Black-

## Blackhawks agree to 5-year extension with C Anisimov

hawks agreed to a \$22.75 million, five-year contract extension on Wednesday, one day after the Stanley Cup champions acquired the center in a seven-player deal with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

When the Blackhawks were unable to sign rugged forward Brandon Saad to a new deal, general manager Stan Bowman shifted gears and traded the restricted free agent, forward Alex Broadhurst and defenseman Michael Paliotta to Columbus for Anisimov, forwards Marko Dano, Jeremy Morin and Corey Tropp, and a fourth-round selection in the 2016 draft.

The 27-year-old Anisimov had seven goals and 20 as-

sists in 52 games for the Blue Jackets last season. The contract extension begins with the 2016-17 season.

"It's a really good team, like really good talented players," Anisimov said.

"They play the game so well. The past six years, three Stanley Cups, it's really good. I'm really excited to join this team."

The 6-foot-4 Anisimov gives Chicago a big center behind captain Jonathan Toews.

The Russian forward has 192 points in 412 career NHL games with Columbus and the New York Rangers.

He is looking forward to playing with countryman Artemi Panarin, who agreed to a two-year con-

tract with Chicago in May.

"I am going to help him adapt to the NHL a little bit," said Anisimov, a second-round pick by the Rangers in the 2006 draft. "It's going to be good for us to have some Russians on the team."

Bowman said he had been trying to acquire Anisimov for a while.

"I think he fits in very nicely to our team," Bowman said Tuesday.

"He's able to play offensively as well as the penalty-killing role. He's done a little bit of everything in his career. I think, for our needs, to know that we've got Toews and Anisimov for years to come, that was a very big part of this." □



# Review: Gadgets for the beach and getting you there

ANICK JESDANUN

**AP Technology Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — If you're headed to the beach or any other weekend getaway, don't forget these "essential" gadgets. Of course, no technology is truly essential. You're at the beach! Disconnect! Go swimming! Build sandcastles! Still can't leave the gadgets behind? Well, consider these:

## E-BOOK READER OR TABLET

You'll want reading material. Sure you can bring real books and real magazines, but that's a lot to carry. I prefer e-readers over tablets for e-books because e-readers work better in direct sunlight and don't come with such distractions as Facebook updates. Amazon has the best readers out there. Last fall's Kindle Voyage is a premium model with a stunning, high-resolution display that makes letters resemble what's on a printed page. The main drawback: its \$199 price tag (add \$20 if you want a regular screensaver rather than ads). This week, Amazon is bringing that great display to its mid-tier model, the Kindle Paperwhite. It doesn't have the extra buttons that make page-turning easier like the Voyage has. Nor does it have an auto-brightness feature that adjusts for ambient light. But the Paperwhite does have



In this July 11, 2012, file photo, Airiannys Milford listens to music on her iPad as she sits in the shade at South Pointe Park in Miami Beach, Fla. Beachgoers probably have to crank up the brightness on tablets and phones to overcome all that glare in direct sunlight. Portable power packs powerful enough to charge tables start at \$100.

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a new font that's meant to be easier on the eyes; other Kindles won't get it until later this summer. (That said, I thought the old fonts were just fine for reading.) At \$119 (or \$139 without ads), the Paperwhite is \$80 cheaper, while offering much of what the Voyage has. For digital magazines, you're better off with a tablet because e-reader screens typically lack color. I like Apple's iPad Mini for its size and shape. The full-size iPad Air is too large to carry around, and Android tablets typically have di-

mensions more suited for widescreen movies than for replicating printed pages. You can read e-books on the tablet, too, but e-readers offer a better, glare-free experience.

## BATTERY CHARGERS

You'll probably have to crank up the brightness on your tablet and phone to overcome all that glare in direct sunlight. That will drain the battery quickly. Bring a portable power pack, which is essentially a battery for recharging the battery on your gadget. New portable packs from

myCharge have both Apple and Android cords built-in, so you can leave your tangled mess of cords at home. Those powerful enough for tablets start at \$100. It's useful for groups with an array of devices. You can charge one Android device and one iPhone or iPad at once, but not two Android devices or an iPhone and iPad together. It's one of each. Many people stick with one system or the other, so for most individuals, that second cord will go unused. The dual-cord chargers will be overkill for many indi-

viduals. Mophie makes not just battery packs but also phone cases with extra power for leading phones. The drawback is you need a new one when you switch models, though I've found batteries tend to wear out over time anyway. There are lots of others to choose from. Some battery packs have Apple or Android cords built-in, while others have a USB port, which means more flexibility, but also cords you need to bring. A higher price tag usually means more charging capacity.

## DEALING WITH BEACH TRAFFIC

The Waze mapping app won't eliminate traffic, but it might shave off time by finding a quicker route. In some cases, that means getting off a congested highway an exit or two early and using local roads. Users report traffic conditions through the app to let Waze find the fastest routes. Mapping apps from Apple and Google, which owns Waze, do factor in traffic conditions, but it feels special to be getting that from fellow motorists. In the rare times that I drive, I've found Waze to be spot-on. It doesn't work well when there are few other Waze users to report traffic, but traffic-heavy destinations such as the beach should draw plenty of users and traffic data. □

# Toyota, Nissan, Honda back hydrogen stations for fuel cells

YURI KAGEYAMA

**AP Business Writer**  
**TOKYO (AP)** — Toyota, Nissan and Honda are working together to get more fuel cell vehicles on roads in what they call Japan's big push toward "a hydrogen society." Fuel cell vehicles emit no pollution. They run on the power created when hydrogen stored as fuel combines with oxygen in the air to make water.

Hydrogen fueling stations are needed to make the technology a viable option. Only 23 have opened in Japan so far, with hundreds more being planned. The automakers pledged up to 11 million yen (\$90,000) per hydrogen station per year, to build and maintain them. Officials from Toyota Motor Corp., Nissan Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. appeared together in a

news conference in Tokyo Wednesday. The stations already get government subsidies, but they are very expensive and are operating in the red. The automakers' financing is designed to alleviate that, and proliferation of the technology is expected to lower costs. Japan is trying to get ahead of the rest of the world in a push for a hydrogen society, which requires energy



Toyota Motor Corp. executive Kiyotaka Ise, center, Nissan Motor Co. executive Hitoshi Kawaguchi, left, and Honda Motor Co., executive Toshihiro Mibe join hands during a press conference on the collaboration of hydrogen fueling stations in Tokyo, Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

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companies, automakers and the government to work together. Japan also

wants to make fuel cells a showcase for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. □



## Ace buying Chubb, deal to create insurance giant

**WARREN, N.J. (AP)** — Insurer Ace Ltd. is buying The Chubb Corp. for about \$28.3 billion in cash and stock in a deal that will create one of the world's largest insurers.

The deal, one of the largest so far this year, will add diversity to Ace's global business and give it a strong brand name in the U.S., where Chubb is known for insurance tailored to the needs of wealthy individu-

als that covers items such as valuable jewelry or art. It also sells a variety of business insurance.

The combined company plans to use the Chubb name and will have its main offices in Zurich, Switzerland, where Ace is based. Chubb's Warren, New Jersey, headquarters will contain a substantial portion of the headquarters function for the combined company's North American unit.

Ace will keep a significant presence in Philadelphia, where its current North American division headquarters is based.

Chubb shareholders will receive \$62.93 per share in cash and 0.6019 shares of Ace Ltd. stock.

The price is a premium of about 30 percent over Chubb's Tuesday closing price of \$95.14.

Chubb's stock jumped more than 35 percent in

Wednesday premarket trading.

Ace shareholders will own 70 percent of the combined business, with Chubb shareholders owning 30 percent.

The push to combine could be driven by weak insurance pricing, Citi analyst Todd Bault wrote in a note to investors.

"In that light, M&A is the natural historical play," he wrote.

Ace Chairman and CEO Evan Greenberg will serve in those roles for the combined company. Chubb President and CEO John Finnegan will serve as executive vice chairman for external affairs of North America.

The company's board will expand to 18 from 14 members, with the addition of four independent directors from Chubb's current board. □

## Wall Street gains on optimism for a deal in Greece



**Specialist Patrick Casey, foreground left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Hopes that a deal could be reached between Greece and its creditors pushed stocks higher on Wednesday.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

### AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Hopes that a deal could be reached between Greece and its creditors pushed stocks higher on Wednesday. The U.S. market opened higher, following strong gains for European stocks, after Greek Prime

Minister Alexis Tsipras wrote a letter to the nation's creditors and appeared to make concessions. Greece failed to repay a loan to the International Monetary Fund that was due on Tuesday after talks between the nations and its creditors broke down late last week.

Investors are worried that Greece could leave the euro region if no agreement is reached.

"The developments in Greece ... seem to be driving sentiment more than anything," said Phil Orlando, chief equity strategist at Federated Investors.

"What we're seeing now is a little bit of a bounce back based on a sentiment that we're getting close to a resolution." The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.31 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,077.42. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 138.40 points, or 0.8 percent, to 17,757.91. The Nasdaq composite gained 26.26 points, or 0.5 percent, to 5,013.12.

Despite rallying on Wednesday stocks are still lower for the week after the market logged its worst day of the year on Monday. Fears that Greece could leave the euro, prompting chaos in financial markets, set off a global stock market rout. "Monday's reaction to Greece was largely overdone," said Bob Pavlik, chief market strategist at Boston Private Wealth. "I don't think the ramifications of Greece defaulting would be that dire for the global economy."

Despite the intense interest in Greece's situation, the country accounts for only a small fraction of Europe's economy. In the U.S., investors got two encouraging reports on the economy.

Payroll processor ADP said businesses added 237,000 jobs last month, up from 203,000 in May and the most since December. A separate survey showed U.S. manufacturing growth improved in June. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, said its manufacturing index rose to the highest level this year. The government's monthly nonfarm payrolls report will be published on Thursday. A strong jobs report would likely increase the conviction among many economists that the Federal Reserve will raise its benchmark interest rate later this year for the first time in more than a decade. □

## US sues to block GE appliance business sale to Electrolux

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The U.S. government is seeking to stop Electrolux from buying General Electric's appliance division, saying the combined company would dominate sales of kitchen appliances to customers like home builders, property managers, hotels, and governments.

General Electric Co. says it will defend the sale in court and aims to complete the \$3.3 billion deal this year. The companies announced

the sale in September. The U.S. Department of Justice has filed suit asking a U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., to block the sale. It says GE and Electrolux, the owner of the Frigidaire brand, have been competing for decades to sell appliances like ranges, cooktops, and wall ovens. The agency says Electrolux would eliminate a major competitor if it buys the GE division, and Electrolux and Whirlpool would be the only

major companies selling appliances to many customers. The Justice Department said the deal would be bad news for buyers of major cooking appliances, but it is most concerned about "contract channel" sales, where suppliers sell to homebuilders, to the builders and managers of apartment buildings and condominiums, hotels and motels; and to governments. It said Electrolux has made major efforts to win more

contract channel business over the last decade, but is now seeking to acquire GE's business instead of competing with it. Electrolux is based in Stockholm, and the deal would be its largest acquisition ever. Electrolux is ranked as the world's second biggest home appliance maker after Whirlpool. GE wants to focus on an industrial core and has been selling or leaving other businesses. It sold NBCUniversal to

Comcast Corp. and also sold its insurance operations, spun off its consumer credit card business into a new company called Synchro Financial, agreed to sell its GE Capital lending business and most of its GE Capital Real Estate unit and said earlier this month that it will sell its private equity business.

Shares of GE were little changed, rising 4 cents to \$26.61 in afternoon trading. □



## CEOs of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac get raises

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The CEOs of government-backed mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are getting large raises, to about \$4 million a year, as the government relaxes rules that were imposed on the companies after they suffered big losses and were bailed out.

In forms filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday, the companies disclosed that Fannie Mae CEO Timothy Mayopoulous and Freddie Mac CEO Donald Layton will get annual base salaries of \$750,000 each, \$2.1 million in fixed deferred compensation and \$1.2 million in at-risk deferred salary. It does not include bonuses. Their pay had been capped at \$600,000 a year.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, which oversees the companies, said the new plans take CEO performance into account and defer compensation so the executives stay with the companies. It said Mayopoulous and Layton will be paid less than most CEOs at similar companies.

Sen. Richard Shelby, the Alabama Republican who heads the Senate Banking Committee, called the regulators' approval of the raises "inappropriate and irresponsible."

"As long as American taxpayers continue to serve as the backstop for Fannie and Freddie, FHFA should make decisions that protect taxpayers instead of ones that expose them to further risk," Shelby said in a statement.

Shelby is a longtime critic of Fannie and Freddie, and he has proposed legislation to reshape the housing finance system and wind down the two mortgage giants. The bill was approved by the Banking Committee last year.

A Democratic member of the banking panel, Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, also criticized the regulators' decision, saying it appears to signal "a return to business as usual."

The compensation limits were imposed in 2012, shortly before the two men became CEOs of their respective companies. At that time, Fannie and Freddie had been in government conservatorship for more than three years, as they had suffered losses on risky mortgages in the housing market bust. Even after the \$170 billion taxpayer bailout, their top management stayed well-compensated, leading to criticism of both the companies and the FHFA.

The gradual recovery of the housing market in recent years has made Fannie and Freddie profitable again, and they have fully repaid their government bailouts.

Officially known as Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee about half of all U.S. mortgages, worth about \$5 trillion. Along with other federal agencies, they back roughly 90 percent of new home loans. The companies don't directly make loans to borrowers. Instead they buy mortgages from lenders, package them as bonds, guarantee them against default and sell them to investors. That helps make loans available.

The FHFA allowed the companies to propose new compensation plans in May with the goal of helping them keep their CEOs, set up succession plans, and maintain continuity in management. The proposals had to include pay-for-performance aspects, couldn't include bonuses, and couldn't be higher than the 25th percentile for CEOs of comparable companies. □

## After Japan arrest; Toyota's top female executive resigns



**Toyota Motor Corp.'s head of public relations Julie Hamp speaks during a press conference in Toyota, central Japan. Hamp, Toyota's most senior female executive, has resigned following her arrest in Japan on suspicion of drug law violations, the automaker said Wednesday, July 1, 2015.**

(T. Agechi/Kyodo News via AP)

**YURI KAGEYAMA**  
**AP Business Writer**

**TOKYO (AP)** — Julie Hamp, Toyota's most senior female executive, has resigned following her arrest in Japan on suspicion of drug law violations, the automaker said Wednesday. Hamp tendered her resignation through her attorneys on Tuesday, and Toyota Motor Corp. accepted it because of "the concerns and inconvenience that recent events have caused our stakeholders," the company said.

Hamp, a 55-year-old American who was Toyota's newly appointed head of public relations, was arrest-

ed on June 18 on suspicion of importing oxycodone, a narcotic pain killer, into Japan. The drug is tightly controlled in the country.

Toyota declined to disclose other details, noting the investigation was ongoing.

Hamp, who previously worked for Toyota's U.S. operations, remains in custody and has not been available for comment. Police have said she denied she tried to bring in an illegal drug.

She has not been formally charged. Japanese authorities can detain suspects without charge for up to 23 days. It is unclear when she might be released.

Police raided Toyota's

headquarters in Toyota City in central Japan and its offices in Tokyo and Nagoya five days after her arrest.

Her appointment in April had been highlighted by Toyota as a step toward promoting diversity.

Toyota reiterated Wednesday that it remains committed to diversity. But it acknowledged in a statement that it still needs to become "a truly global company," noting that Hamp's appointment had been a "big step" for the company.

Toyota President Akio Toyoda has said the company should have helped Hamp more in settling into her job in Japan. He also has said he believes Hamp did not intend to break the law.

Her arrest came as she was moving her things from the U.S., and police came to her Tokyo hotel after finding the drug in a package that was mailed to her. Japanese media said the drugs were hidden in a package containing jewelry.

Although Japanese Toyota officials have been posted abroad, Hamp was the first senior foreign Toyota executive to be fully stationed in Japan.

Foreigners have sometimes been detained in Japan for mailing or bringing in medicines they used at home. Such drugs may be banned in Japan or require special approval.

Before joining Toyota in 2012, Hamp worked for PepsiCo Inc. and General Motors Co. □

## Kraft shareholders approve sale to Heinz

**NORTHFIELD, ILL. (AP)** — Kraft shareholders have approved the sale of the company to ketchup maker H.J. Heinz, creating one of the world's largest food companies with annual revenue of about \$28 billion.

Heinz' owners, Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and the Brazilian investment firm 3G Capital engineered the deal, first announced in March, and will control 51 percent of the new Kraft Heinz Co.

The combined company

will have in its stable brands that, in addition to Kraft and Heinz, Jell-O, Oscar Mayer, Velveeta and Ore-Ida. In May Buffett said during an appearance on CNBC that Coca-Cola, Heinz and other companies will respond to a shift in the U.S. to healthier foods, but predicted that the appetite for long-time favorites made by Kraft and Heinz will not fade.

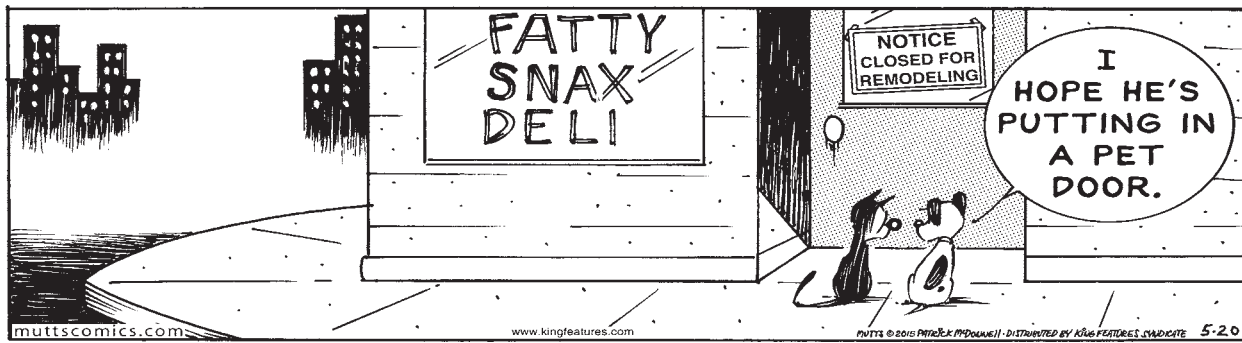
Berkshire Hathaway is the biggest shareholder in Coca-Cola. Kraft sharehold-

ers will receive stock in the combined company and a special cash dividend of approximately \$10 billion, or \$16.50 per share. Each share of Kraft will be converted into one share of the new The Kraft Heinz Co.

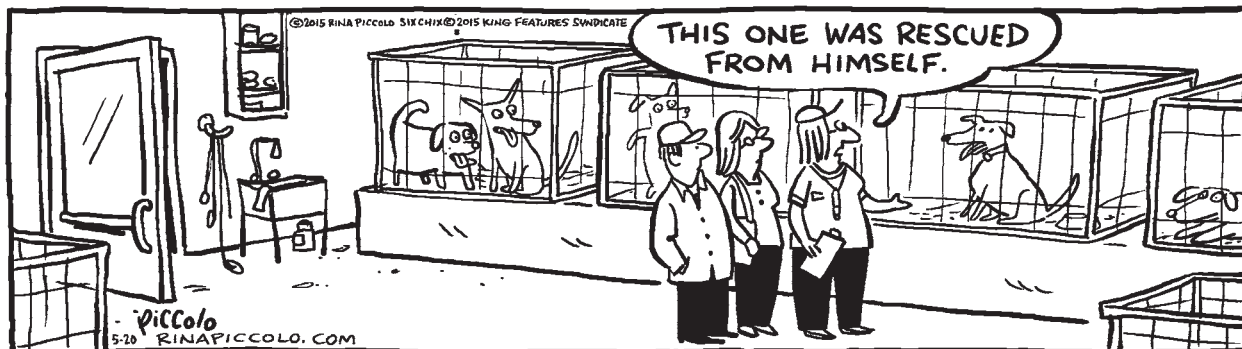
Kraft Foods Group Inc. is based in Northfield, Illinois, and H.J. Heinz Holding Corp. is based in Pittsburgh. The transaction will close on Thursday. The new company will be listed under the ticker symbol "KHC" on the Nasdaq. □



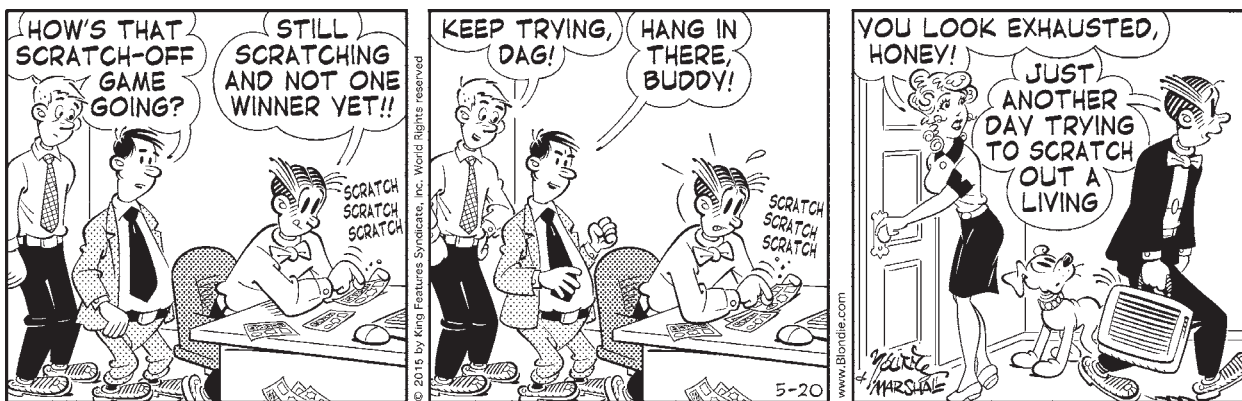
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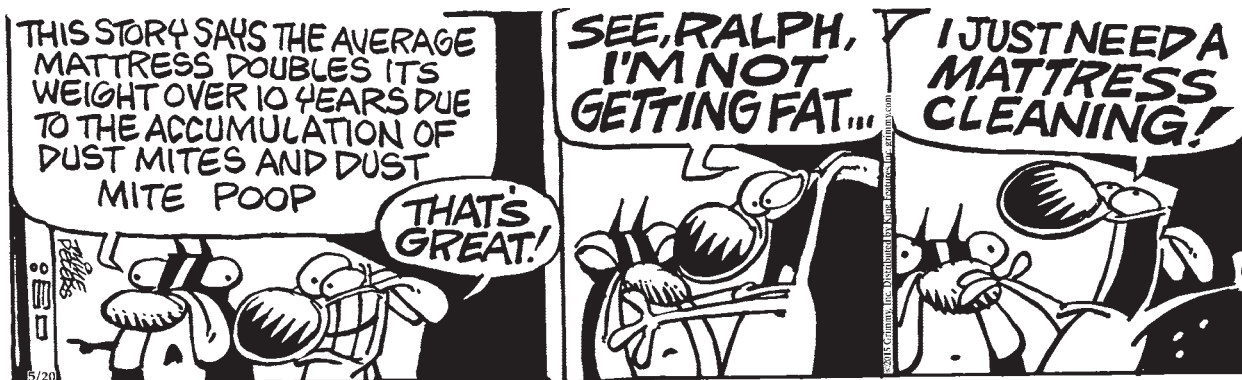
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 14 Smarter
- 15 Comic actress Imogene \_\_\_
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- 17 Old saying
- 18 Word with fine or liberal
- 19 Close-fitting
- 20 Truly sorry
- 22 Oration
- 24 Home of twigs
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# Scores Classifieds

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Other security officials put the number of soldiers killed at more than 50, but did not give a precise figure.

In a statement on state television, the military said 17 soldiers had died, with 13 wounded, while at least 100 "terrorist supporters" had been killed.

The conflicting totals could not immediately be reconciled, and discrepancies are common following such attacks.

Military spokesman, Brig. Gen. Mohammed Samir said that the country's armed forces targeted and destroyed two militant gatherings in northern Sinai.

The territory, characterized by hardscrabble towns, desert and mountainous areas suitable for guerrilla operations, has long been neglected by the government. Local Bedouin tribesmen have grown to resent Cairo, turning to smuggling, organized crime and, in some cases, radical Islam.

The sustained attack — the first of its kind — suggested the militants have ambitions to seize an entire city. The Islamic State affiliate that calls itself Sinai Province claimed its fighters targeted 15 army and police positions and staged three suicide bombings, two that targeted checkpoints and one that hit an officers' club in the nearby city of el-Arish. The authenticity of the claim could not be immediately verified but it was posted on a Facebook page associated with the group.

Army checkpoints in the area are routinely staffed by 50-60 soldiers.

An Associated Press reporter heard two explosions from the Egyptian side of the Rafah border crossing with Gaza and saw smoke rising, though it was not immediately clear what caused the blasts or if they were linked to the militant assault some 40 kilometers (25 miles) away. □

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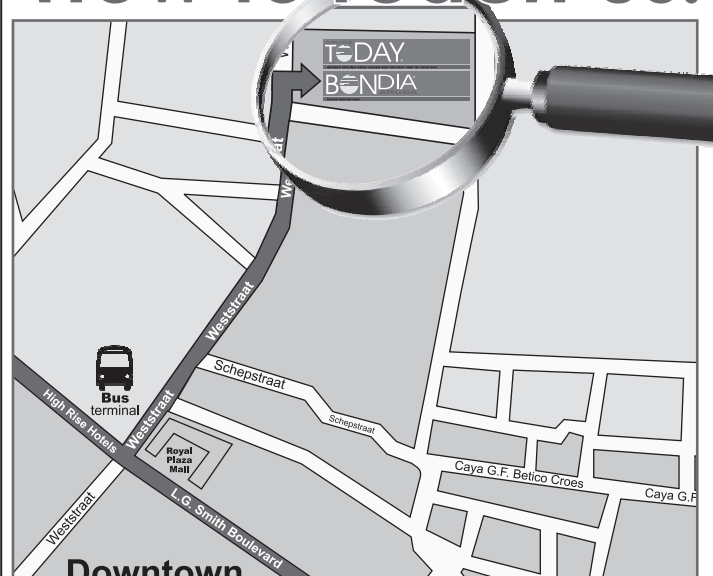
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## Survey: U.S. political and generation gaps on science issues

**SETH BORENSTEIN**

**AP Science Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Age divides Americans on science issues just as much as political ideology, a new analysis of recent polling shows.

There are dramatic generation gaps in opinions on global warming, offshore drilling, nuclear power, childhood vaccines, gene modification to reduce a baby's disease risk, untested medicine use, lab tests on animals, and evolution, according to the Pew Research Center.

Pew analyzed 22 different science issues in a survey of 2,002 people nationwide last August and a few later polls to see what demographic factors divide the nation on science issues.

"The striking story is how different the patterns are depending on what the issue is," said Lee Rainie, Pew's director of science issues research. "There is not a one-size-fits-all explanation for the public's attitudes on science."

Political ideology remained a key reason for the nation's divide on climate change and energy use, but when it came to other issues, especially medical ones, age and factors such as race and education played a bigger role.

That was a reason for both pessimism and optimism, said Rush Holt, a former congressman who now heads the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He said "the trend in this country for ideology to replace evidence" makes him lose hope, but the views of younger Americans, generally in line with



In this Jan. 30, 2008 file photo, Carolyn Bark holds up protest signs outside the Major Economies Meeting on Energy Security and Climate Change Agenda conference held at the East West Center in Honolulu. **Associated Press**

science, revive his spirits. More than 70 percent of Democrats and independents who lean toward that party say Earth is warming because of hu-

mans, compared to 27 percent of their Republican counterparts. Sixty percent of people under 30 say climate change is real, compared to just 31

percent of people 65 and older.

Similarly, 61 percent of young people oppose increasing drilling for more energy offshore, while

60 percent of senior citizens favor it. Among the young, 56 percent opposed nuclear power, but 57 percent of seniors favored it.

While the opinions of younger people on energy and environment issues generally dovetailed with those of Democrats, they diverged on some medical issues.

Forty-one percent of younger people said parents should decide on whether to vaccinate children, compared to just 20 percent of seniors. Democrats were less likely to favor parents deciding on vaccines than Republicans.

When asked if people should have access to experimental medications that haven't been fully tested yet for safety, slightly more than half the young people said no, but nearly two-thirds of the people between age 50 and 64 said yes.

In younger adults, 56 percent approved of using genetic modifications to reduce disease risk for babies; among seniors, 56 percent oppose it.

On the issue of genetically modified food, the biggest factor was science education. The only groups of people who felt that genetically modified food were generally safe were those with a post-graduate degree and those with more science knowledge. Everyone else felt the food was unsafe.

One science issue doesn't divide the public: The support for space was broad and diverse, Rainie said, calling it one of those issues "where there's a special public attachment." □



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## TV Land pulls 'Dukes of Hazzard' reruns from its schedule

**NEW YORK (AP)** — TV Land has dumped "The Dukes of Hazzard."

The network is confirming that reruns of the 1980s action comedy, with its Confederate flag imagery, have been pulled from the schedule.

This marks the latest effort to banish the racially charged Stars and Bars from pop culture after various states began debating whether to remove the flag.

Warner Bros., which produced the series, last week halted production of toy replicas of the so-called General Lee, the 1969 Dodge Charger stock car driven by rambunctious Southern cousins Luke and Bo. The car famously features a replica of the Confederate flag on its roof.

Retailers including Walmart and eBay have stopped selling merchandise bearing reproductions of the flag.

"The Dukes of Hazzard" originally aired on CBS from 1979 to 1985. □



In this Aug. 10, 1999, file photo, "Cooter," actor Ben Jones, sits atop one of the 229 hotrods, named the General Lee, used in the show "Dukes of Hazzard" as ecstatic fan, Aliceson Johnson, of Charlottesville, Va., sits in the drivers seat in front of his store in Sperryville, Va. In a Facebook posting to fans of the show on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, Jones defended the Confederate flag as a symbol of the spirit of independence. Associated Press

## 30th anniversary of 'Future' celebrated at Hollywood Bowl



Left to right, Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson, Donald Fullilove and Claudia Wells, cast members in the 1985 film "Back to the Future," pose together backstage before the "Back to the Future - In Concert 30th Anniversary" event at the Hollywood Bowl on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in Los Angeles. Associated Press

**MIKE CIDONI LENNOX**  
AP Entertainment Writer  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Thousands went back in time as one of the largest movie audiences ever in one

place gathered to watch "Back to the Future" at the Hollywood Bowl in a celebration of the film's 30th anniversary.

The Bowl was just shy of its 17,000-person capacity for the Tuesday night event marking the 1985 release of the Michael J. Fox time-travel blockbuster.

As the film played on the Bowl's various screens, composer Alan Silvestri's score was performed live by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, conducted by David Newman.

"Back to the Future" opened in North America on July 3, 1985, and went on to become the top-grossing release of that year, amassing close to \$400 million worldwide.

Among those from the movie in attendance Tuesday night were Lea Thompson and Christopher Lloyd, whose scientist Doc Brown sends teenager Marty McFly (Fox) back 30 years to 1955. There, he meets his future parents in high school and accidentally becomes a romantic interest of his own mother

(Thompson).

"It really is an amazing event," Thompson said backstage before the screening. "It's very lovely that people still want to celebrate our work and this movie."

Fox, who is based on the East Coast and has long battled Parkinson's disease, did not attend the Bowl event, but organizers hoped Fox would be able to attend one of the anniversary celebrations planned for New York later this year.

"Michael and I had an automatic chemistry all the way through (the making of the film) ... that was constantly alive, and it was wonderful," recalled Lloyd.

Bob Gale, who co-wrote and co-produced "Back to the Future," hinted there'd be a flurry of anniversary activity around Oct. 21, 2015, the date to which Marty is sent in "Back to the Future Part II."

"October is going to be a great month if you're a 'Back to the Future' fan," Gale said. □

## Laurence Fishburne to star in 'Roots' miniseries remake

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Laurence Fishburne is joining the "Roots" miniseries remake.

A&E Networks said Wednesday that Fishburne will play writer Alex Haley, whose novel about his African-American ancestry was the basis of the original TV miniseries.

The new project will draw on the late Haley's novel, "Roots: The Saga of an American Family," along with new research, A&E said. The 1977 ABC miniseries was a ratings sensation.

Fishburne is a Tony Award-winning stage actor ("Two Trains Running") and Oscar nominee ("What's Love Got to Do With It"). He's become a familiar presence



In this May 27, 2015 file photo, Laurence Fishburne arrives at the 2015 Television Academy Honors at The Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

on TV in series including "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "Hannibal" and ABC's comedy "black-ish." No air date or other cast-

ing has been announced for the "Roots" remake that will debut simultaneously on the History, A&E and Lifetime channels. □



## ‘Ballers’ looks at humor, drama in the lives of pro athletes

**DAVID FISCHER**  
**Associated Press**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Omar Benson Miller spent three seasons on “CSI: Miami,” but only this past year did he get a chance to film a television show in South Florida. “It was Miami at the best time to be in Miami: In the winter, which is just the mildest climate,” Miller said. “They can sign me up for another 10 years of that.” Miller appears on “Ballers,” HBO’s new series that airs at 10 p.m. EDT Sundays. It stars Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson as a retired football star trying to start a second career as a financial manager, goaded by his boss — played by Rob Corddry — to “monetize” his friendships. The show was created by Stephen Levinson, whose previous credits include HBO’s “Entourage.” Miller plays a reluctantly retired NFL lineman who’s trying to adjust to life after the game as a car salesman. “He’s very into his wife and into family,” Miller said. “He was really into football, but now he’s trying to transition into being a normal member of society.” During his time on “CSI: Miami,” Miller was shooting scenes in Long Beach,



In this image released by HBO, Dwayne Johnson, left, and Rob Corddry appear in a scene from the series “Ballers,” airing Sundays at 10 p.m. EDT on HBO.

**Associated Press**

California rather than South Beach. His fancy crime lab was built on a sound stage, and the building that served as its exterior was actually a federal credit union. But the cast and crew of “Ballers” didn’t use sets when they filmed around Miami last year. “Every place that we shot was an actual location,” Miller said. “It really did a lot to keep it authentic.”

The show features an ensemble of actors playing current and former players, focusing on their personal and professional struggles. Miller said being on HBO lets them explore adult themes that enhance both the comedy and the drama. “It’s a wild ride, but if you’re open to some fun, you’re going to have a good time with it,” Miller said.

Executive producer Evan Reilly said the idea for the show came from a conversation several years ago between Levinson and a professional football player at a South Beach hotel. While developing the show, writers pulled material from real athletes and others involved in professional sports. “We spoke to a lot of professional athletes, both cur-

rent and retired, and got a lot of their stories and a lot of their points of view,” Reilly said. “Same goes for agents and people in the front office or (with) professional teams — people who live and work in this world.” The show’s creators decided to set the show in South Florida because of its draw for athletes from all over the country. “It’s set in Miami because it’s really a hotbed for professional athletes in the offseason and after retirement,” Reilly said. The setting also worked out logistically for the show’s star. Johnson owns a home in South Florida, and while he never played in the NFL like his character, he was a backup defensive tackle on the 1991 University of Miami national championship team. “It’s great for him to be able to do movies most of the year, do all the things that he does with WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment), and then be able to go home for three months or so and work on the show,” Evans said. “It’s not something he gets to do too often, so hopefully he’ll get to do it for a few more years.” □



In this June 24, 2015 photo, American television and social media personality, socialite, and model Kim Kardashian poses during a photocall at the Cannes Lions 2015, International Advertising Festival in Cannes, southern France.

**Associated Press**

**LISA LEFF**

**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — The big reveal from Kim Kardashian’s guest turn for San Francisco’s revered Commonwealth Club of California on Tuesday night? She was wearing mater-

nity Spanx under her black designer dress to conceal cellulite, not her pregnant belly. The reality TV star and fashion mogul was invited by the 112-year-old club that describes itself as the nation’s oldest and largest

## Kim Kardashian says sexy selfies can be empowering

public affairs program to talk about her famous family, the business of millennial culture and the objectification of women in media. Before her visit, the Commonwealth Club’s invitation to Kardashian provoked minor controversy. Some members and listeners of the club’s radio broadcasts said they felt she was not worthy of sharing the same spotlight as such notable past speakers as President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Jr. The program’s Facebook page has lit up in recent days with comments opposing and supporting her selection. Kardashian did discuss the key topics, and others, dur-

ing an hour-long appearance before an adoring audience that was mostly young and female. But the mild questions she was asked, first by a retired state judge who served as interviewer and then by audience members via Twitter, elicited few deep answers. “How do you explain your popularity?” Judge LaDoris Cordell asked Kardashian after the topic of the 34-year-old’s outfit was covered. “I really do love social media. I credit it to a lot of my career,” Kardashian answered. “My career is based on openness, openness and honesty.” Cordell noted that Kardashian has 94 million so-

cial media followers. “Maybe it’s the bikini selfies,” the photogenic guest continued. “I think I definitely overshare, but I’m really engaged.” The judge also asked if it is realistic for young girls to be successful in a man’s world. Kardashian, who has makeup, hair care, perfume, and clothing lines to her credit along with a best-selling game app, was thoughtful. “There is this generation of young people — girls — who are beautiful but don’t have a strong work ethic,” she said. “People sometimes think that with looks things will be easy, But I just encourage people to put in the work.” □



# Misty Copeland named first black female principal at ABT

JOCELYN NOVECK

AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Misty Copeland, the Missouri-born ballerina who's become a forceful voice for diversity in ballet and achieved a celebrity that far transcends that rarified world, was named principal dancer at American Ballet Theatre on Tuesday — the first African-American woman to reach that status in the company's 75-year history.

Copeland, 32, fought tears as she spoke about her promotion, which she said was a lifetime dream — but such a difficult one to attain that she never really thought it would happen.

"This is it," she said. "This has been my dream since I was 13, to be a principal dancer and reach these heights."

"But it hasn't been overnight," she added at a hastily arranged news conference — a rarity for a ballet promotion. "It's been 14 years of extremely hard work ... I'm just so extremely honored to be an African-American and to be in this position."

And, Copeland said, she hoped her ascension to the very top ranks of ballet would inspire other young dancers of color — "all the little girls" — to stick with their own dreams.

"So many young dancers of color stop dancing at an early age because they just don't think there will be a career path for them," she said. "I hope that will change." She spoke of her own doubts when she joined the ABT corps at age 19 and saw no one "who looked like me."

"I had moments of doubting myself and wanting to quit, because I didn't know if there would be a future for an African-American woman" at that level," she said. "At the same time, it made me so hungry to push through."

The company announced the promotion six days after Copeland made her New York debut as Odette/Odile in "Swan Lake," one of the most important roles in a ballerina's repertoire.



Misty Copeland speaks to reporters during a news conference, Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in New York. Associated Press

The emotional performance ended with Copeland being feted onstage by trailblazing black ballerinas of earlier generations, and with a sea of fans cheering and taking cell-phone videos.

Baryshnikov," said Wendy Perron, an author and the former editor of Dance Magazine. "And she's going to bring more attention from that world to ballet." In the past year, Copeland has appeared on the

tary at this year's Tribeca Film Festival.

In recent years she's also performed in a music video with Prince, and been featured in a hugely popular online ad for Under Armour sportswear that shows her leaping and spinning in a studio, while a narrator recounts some of the negative feedback she received as a youngster, when she was told she had the wrong body for ballet and had started too late — at 13.

The dancer also has appeared as a guest host on the Fox show "So You Think You Can Dance" and was a presenter at this year's Tony awards.

Many who attended Copeland's historic "Swan Lake" performance last week noted what a diverse audience Copeland had drawn to the Metropolitan Opera House, where ABT performs its spring season. The crowd was filled with young girls — black and white — in their party dresses.

"She singlehandedly made that a diverse audience," Perron said.

Damian Woetzel, former principal dancer for New York City Ballet and now the director of the Vail International Dance Festival, called Copeland's rise "groundbreaking."

"In the racially underrepresented world of ballet,

Misty has already had an historic impact," Woetzel said in an email message. "Now, as a groundbreaking principal dancer, she will continue to inspire and make possible much-needed changes for our field and for the arts in America."

Born in Kansas City, Copeland moved at age two to California, where, she noted at Tuesday's news conference, she first took ballet classes at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America — not, she said, a common path to becoming a ballerina for an elite company. She writes in her memoir that her childhood was defined by "packing, scrambling, leaving — and often barely surviving." But she became known as a local dance prodigy, despite her late start, and joined ABT's junior company at age 18, then the full company at 19. She became a soloist at age 24.

Copeland is the first black ballerina and second black dancer overall to be a principal at ABT, after Desmond Richardson, who danced with the company in 1977-1978 and returned later as guest artist. At New York City Ballet, there has never been a black female principal, and only two black male principals. (One of them, Albert Evans, died last week at the age of 46.)

In 1990, Lauren Anderson became a principal dancer at Houston Ballet — the first black female principal in the country. Anderson, now retired, was onstage at last week's "Swan Lake" curtain calls to give Copeland a huge hug and lift her off her feet. Copeland paid tribute on Tuesday.

"It's not me up here," she said. "It's everyone who came before me and got me to this position."

Also named an ABT principal dancer on Tuesday was longtime soloist Stella Abrera. In addition, Maria Kochetkova, a principal with the San Francisco Ballet, and Alban Lendorf, a principal with Royal Danish Ballet, are joining as principals, it was announced. □



This photo provided by American Ballet Theater, Misty Copeland and James Whiteside appear in "Swan Lake" at the Metropolitan Opera House on June 24, 2015.

Associated Press

Copeland has become increasingly famous over the past several years, achieving a pop culture status exceedingly rare for a ballet dancer.

"We haven't had a ballet dancer who has broken through to popular culture like this since Mikhail

cover of Time magazine as one of the most influential figures of 2015, and written both a children's book, "Firebird," and a best-selling memoir, "Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina," which has been optioned for a movie. She also was the subject of a documen-



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Held every two years under the Patronage of HRH Prince Albert II of Monaco, the Only Watch event exhibits unique watch models especially designed for the occasion by the brands taking part, of which there are 43 this year.

For this sixth edition of Only Watch, Piaget has interpreted its emblematic Altiplano 900P in a version that is unique as it is original, fitted for the very first time with red hands. Neither entirely a movement nor exactly a case – or rather both at once: the Altiplano 38 mm 900P is the world's thinnest mechanical watch. Merging the hand-wound calibre with the case elements, it is designed as a single entity in order to achieve record-breaking slenderness at just 3.65 mm thin. A crowning achievement in over half a century of virtuoso skills displayed in the realm of ultra-thin watchmaking where Piaget reigns supreme, it conveys the excellence of the two integrated Manufactures run by the Maison. Places where the skills of the watchmakers, case constructors and designers converge in giving life to this masterpiece of reliability and precision.

Since every technical choice had an aesthetic impact, and vice versa, each of the 145 parts composing the Altiplano 38 mm 900P has been trimmed to a size sometimes barely thicker than a hair's breadth – including some wheels measuring a mere 0.12 mm thin (compared with 0.20 mm on a classic movement)

To underscore the distinctive nature of this creation, the rim of its case-back is engraved with the inscription "Only Watch 2015 – unique piece".

Commenting on this participation, CEO Philippe Léopold-Metzger explains: "The Altiplano 900P powerfully expresses the creativity and innovation that have defined Piaget since 1874. We have created a watch that is truly unique in terms of aesthetic and design, for which we have once again pushed our own limits. It vividly illustrates the Piaget philosophy of placing techniques in the service of design. I am delighted that we have created a one-of-a-kind version of this model for Only Watch and to support the Monaco Association against Muscular Dystrophy."

By donating this unique piece to the Monaco Association against Muscular Dystrophy, Piaget is delighted to be able to contribute to research into Duchenne muscular dystrophy. This degenerative neuromuscular disease can be fatal.

While the funds collected during the previous editions of Only Watch have already enabled scientific advances, the travelling exhibitions that precede the auction also provide an opportunity to raise awareness of this disease among the general public. Consequently, this year, Only Watch will be stopping over in Monaco at the world's most prestigious yacht show from September 23rd to 26th, Hong Kong from October 2nd to 5th, Beijing from October 9th to 12th, New York from October 17th to 20th and London from October 24th to 27th, before returning to Geneva from November 5th to 7th prior to the auction itself scheduled for Saturday November 7th 2015.

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